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By L. Jay Lemons, President

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(Above) Susquehanna President L. Jay Lemons meets with graduates at commencement in May,

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career and graduate school success

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modernize the university's visual identity. The title of the magazine, Susquehanna Currents, evokes both the beautiful river and our hope that this new publication will keep our loval alumni and friends apprised of our dynamic and beloved institution.

Today, more than 2,000 students from 30 states and 12 countries call Susquehanna home. Within the next few years, our goal is to continue to achieve modest growth. During that time, we will implement our new central curriculum and build a new state-of-the-art science center. designed to meet or exceed the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification

criteria. You'll read all about these and other great initiatives in this and future issues of the magazine, which includes expanded feature articles and sections highlighting academics and Susquehanna people. So it is, without further ado, that I proudly present you with the new Susquehanna Currents magazine. ~





# AFTER THREE DECADES, John Strangfeld Strangfeld IS PERCHED ATOP THE ROO

JOHN STRANGFELD'S CONFERENCE room on the 14th floor of the Prudential building in Newark, N.J., is expansive. To the south, be can see Prudential Center, the new entertainment and sports arena complex that opened in October as the centerpiece of the city's revitalization project.

Emblazoned on the broad rooftop of the arena, in bright blue letters visible to passengers on their descent to Newark Liberty International Airport, is the Prudential logo with the signature Rock of Gibraltar that has served the company so reliably for more than in oyears. The naming opportunity, which cost Prudential \$105.3 million, is the most recent example of the company's support for its hometown.

Directly below is Broad Street, the city's main artery. In the late 1960s, after fiots ravaged Newark, the biggest commercial occupants began their flight to the suburbs and beyond, But Prudential stayed put. It remained Newark's most reliable corporate citizen, a financial bulwark in a struggling community, the rock that stood firm in its host city. And now the streets are alive again, as shoppers bustle along with an air of confidence and optimism.

Stranfeld '75, Prudential's new chairman and chief executive officer, is a Newark booster. The city is one of his many causes, another possibility for making a difference. The once struggling and unremarkable city now seems poised for greatness. And like the city that Prudential calls home, Stranfeld, who now seems destined for retranses, will tell

By Gerald S. Cohen Photo by Hick Antony



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you that his use was once prett unremarkable, too.

STRANGFELD, VICE CHAIRMAN of Susquehanna's Board of Trustees, grew up in Baltimore and later moved to Chatham, NJ, about 14 miles from where he now works. He describes his upbringing with his two sisters and a brother as 'suburbin' and suggests nothing exceptional about it. He did not play sports, was not a class officer and his foray into the arts was limited to the trumpet, which he briefly considered as a major when he went to college. "My experience was that I graduated in the middle of my high school class, I had respectable board scores, pretty average grades and not a lot of clarity as to what I wanted to do," he says. "It's not that I was lazy! I just didn't have a lot of clarity."

He was raised with good values by parents who are accomplished individuals with many interests and hearts full of charity and kindness. His father is an amateur actor who has performed for the last 60 years in comic Gilbert and Sullivan productions in both Baltimore and Ridgewood, NJ, Strangfeld's father once caught the eye of a New York Times drama critic, who referred to him as "old rubber face" because of his ease in putting on dramatic facial expressions. Strangfeld's mother was a nurse. Late in life she decided to go back to school to get the college degree she always wanted but never had the time to pursue. She enrolled at Fairleigh Dickinson University, where at age 7: she earned a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in women's studies.

For a number of years they raised foster children. Soon after the fall of Saigon, they took in a Vietnamese family who lived with the Strangfelds for more than a year. They also raised Seeing Bye puppies, and today they rescue Seeing For Professional Seeing Bye professional Seeing Bye professional Seeing Bye professional Seeing Bye printers.

When it was time for Strangfeld to spread his wings, he set his sights on Susquehanna. His choice was pragmatic and uncomplicated — he had undergraduate friends who spoke well of the school, and he felt comfortable when he visited. The school's small size appealed to him because he believed he would no year lost or overwhelmed.

Strangfeld did not exactly set the world on fire during his first months on campus. When he went home for our defended his GPA was around 2.3 or 2.6—he can't remember exactly. What he does remember, though, is that his first-semester grades spawmed an epiphany of sorts. "It dawned on me that having graduated at the middle of my class in high school and having such a modest GPA, I was not on a trajectory for great success," he says with understatement. "And it wasn't going to quite line up with

It was a choice that some might think was a little counterintuitive, because instead of going with his strength, he went with his weakness.

So Strangfeld embarked on an experiment. He would go to the library every school night, Sunday through Thursday, and stay until he was the last one there. During those hours he would seriously book it — no socializing, no goofing off.

If at the end of the semester the effort paid off with good grades, he would make the library routine a habit. But if it didn't pay off, he would go back to his usual routine.

Strangfeld calls the results of the experiment "self-reinforcing," He learned something very basic about himself.
"What I found is that there was an enormously high correlation between the amount of effort I put in and the outcome." By simply applying himself, he discovered that he could pretty much accomplish whatever he wanter.

The experiment turned into a full-time preoccupation. He socialized on weekends and held a weekend job as an assistant cook in his fraternity house. Bu on weekinghs he was a study grunt. He could feel he was on a roll and nothing was going to stand in his way. Although the 'ros were turbulent times on college campuses, with anti-war demonstrations and widespread rejection of authority. Strangfeld says he remained focused on his work. 'For me, I found I needed to be single purposed. My focus was on how good an education I could get and how good my grades could be so that I could parlay that into the next move. My belief was that I had to be impoje. I had the appearance of the time, with the long hair and all that jazz, but I was more of a conformist."

After his first semester, Strangfeld says he rarely earned less than an A. He graduated in the top 15 of his class. To this day, he credits the professors who took an interest in him for his success. Primarily because of the opportunity

SU gave him during this period, he remains deeply loyal to the school, donating many hours out of his busy life to serve as a trustee. And the take-home lesson for him, one that is now

ror nim, one that is now eply ingrained in his psyche, is that d work pays off.

LONG BEFORE the sun rises, Strangfeld is up. He allows that he never needed much sleep — except when he was in

soliege. Four days a week, before dawn, ne's at work with a personal trainer dioing Pilates, strength conditioning and cardiovascular exercises. The remaining three days of the week he works out on his own. He and his daughter, a high school student, do owner yough scheduler were Winday.

"If you're in this for the marathon and not the sprint, which I am, you have to find the balance between the intellectual demands of work and your physical soundness," he says. "I see them as highly interconnected. And I think I'm in better shape today than I sew have been."

Strangfeld acknowledges that he is a little bit obsessive. At age 37, while working for Prudential in England, he took up horseback riding. In the beginning, the riding was a way to connect with his son and daughter. He wanted them to see them struggling as he learned something new, and he wanted them to see the rewards of being focused. The riding was also a way to spend more time with his children, something he had to consciously attend to as his work demands increased. His kids were okay with riding but eventually lost interest. Not Strangfeld. He got hooked and began riding competitively. For the next to years he developed his skills



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and became a very accomplished equestrian, winning awards in dressage, show jumping and cross country competitions. But three years ago, after one of his horses died in a high-speed-competition accident, Strangfeld quit, just like that. He had difficulty getting over losing the horse. It also occurred

to him that jumping at high speeds over fixed objects was a risky proposition for a guy who could no longer devote the time needed to training.

Today he compensates in other ways. He enjoys his time at a beach home, where he and his wife of more than a years, Mary Kay, escape for private time. He squeezes whatever he can into the days that are never long enough, making sure that he reservest time to watch his daughter's high school cross country and sking competitions, as he did with his son's sports years earlier. The pace is hectic, but one gets the sense that everything has gone according to plan.

BY THE TIME Strangfeld left Susquehanna, his career compass was firmly set on a life in financial services. His next move would take him to the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia. It was a choice that some might think was a little counterintuitive, because instead of going with his strength, he went with his weakness. At Susquehanna, where strangfeld was a finance major, he was the long-haired kid in the back of the class. He rarely participated in classroom discussion but usually aced the exam. "I suspect a few faculty members might have wondered, Who is this guy and is someone else taking his tests?" he says. The Darden School, on the other hand, placed a premium on written and oral communications skills — both of which

His choice also confronted him with another obstacle: Darden rarely admitted students fresh out of undergraduate school. That meant Strangfeld essentially had to talk himself into the place and convince them that this was an experiment worth taking. He did, and it worked. "Their initial response was weld like you to come, but we prefer you wait and go do something for a couple of years. I said if you are going to insist on that, I am going to go somewhere else." It wasn't exactly a bluff, but it was probably a little bit audacious.

at Darden was pretty much what he

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# The **Strangfeld**

Age: 54

Undergraduate: Susquehanna '75, B.S. in business administration

Graduate: University of Virginia '77, M.B.A.

Joined Prudential in 1977

Held various positions in San Francisco, Minneapolis and New York City before going to London in 1989 to run the company's European investment activities

Served as chairman and CEO of Prudential Securities from October 2000 to July 2003

Served as CEO of Prudential investment Management from October 1998 to April 2002

Served as executive vice president of Prudential Financial from February 2001 to August 2002

Elected vice chairman of Prudential Financial in August 2002, served through 2007

Became CEO of Prudential Financial Inc. in January 2008 and chairman of the board in May 2008

Met wife, Mary Kay, at Prudential and has been married since 1980; son (Matt) age 24; daughter (Kate) age 18

Nonprofit associations: vice chair, Board of Trustees, Susquehanna University; member, Board of Trustees, The Darden School Foundation, University of Virginia: Jazz at Lincoln Center

- Brian Savard '08

# TALKIN' BOUT

### You might be a Baby Boomer if you

- had a black-and-white TV growing up,
   remember where you were when John F. Kennedy was killed.
- watched the first moon landing on television,
- ever used a library card catalogue,
- waited in gas lines during the OPEC oil embargo,
- watched the last episode of M\*A\*S\*H, and
- had an IP collection.

# THEIR GENERATIO

BY BRUCE BEANS

Born between 1983 and 2000, Generation Y, the so-called Millennial generation, is slightly larger than even the massive post-World War II Baby Boomer generation. And even their closest generational cousins. Gen Xers, born between 1964 and 1982, are often as puzzled by them as the Baby Boomers.

### You might be a

- · prefer using Instant Messenger and text messaging to e-mail,
- · used a computer before the age of 10,
- had a cell phone before you were 20.
- have played at least 500 hours of Nintendo or other electronic games, have created a podcast, store most of your music on an iPod. and
- · have an average job stay of 1.8 years.



Earlier this year, during a visit to Susquehanna University, she detailed for the Board of Trustees, faculty and staff the brave new world this unique generation of students is bringing to Susquehanna and campuses worldwide. Regan explored such seminal questions as how do you recruit, retain and educate Millennials? And how do you keep them engaged with the university once they graduate? The sessions just don't get this generation of students.

Regan says one of the greatest sources of misunderstanding between the generations is that Millennials are so much more comfortable with technology and use it more readily. The younger generation treats personal computers and the Internet not as modern-age miracles but as an integral part of their DNA. This reliance on technology has helped foster the extremely close relationships that Millennials have with their parents, dubbed "helicopter parents" by many higher education administrators.

"The Boomers tended to rebel against their parents in adolescence, and they think that's a natural part of growing up," Regan says. "What's startling to Boomers is that Millennials still want their parents to be involved in their lives in college and after college." In fact, almost 80 percent of the world's teenagers today trust their parents providing running commentary on the day's events as they move from one classroom

occurring in China, Japan and Australia, giving rise in Asia to what Regan calls "Little Emperors" -- often single children who have become the treasured embodiments of

These attitudes tend to create certain challenges for colleges and universities. "Most colleges and universities see themselves as a place where students move from adolescence to adulthood," Regan says. "How do you do that if your ties to your parents are still strong?" Twenty years ago it would have been unthinkable for a parent to course, about the advising the son or daughter is receiving, or about a disciplinary situation or roommate problem. Today it is a common occurrence.

Sara Kirkland, executive vice president for administration and planning, wonders, "If our understanding is that the educational process is helping students grow to independence, how do we take these issues into account and engage students and parents in the most productive way possible on behalf of the students?"



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Attitude About Work	Work should be meaningful		
Working Late	A contribution that will be noticed	"Will I get comp time for this?"	
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attitudinal shifts is to change the way you use technology to communicate with students. Susquehanna University, for example, now sends separate e-mails to the parents of prospective students their offspring). The university's new also will better inform parents. E-mail alerts will direct the parents to Web children are experiencing throughout the academic year.

"It will keep everyone in the proper loop and hopefully allow our students to develop as they should," says Deborah Stieffel, vice president for enrollment management, "Working through the parents, we'll be able to help them work with their children instead of feeling that they have to call the president every time they have a question about something."

Regan understands the parental urge to keep protecting their children. Washington, D.C., in the early 1990s, she was "horrified" by his roommate. "The college," she recalls, "basically told me to go home and stop worrying about it. My

Regan went home. But university presidents have told her that some parents hover around campus two weeks after delivering their children. Others move to the town where their child is attending college. "And if not that, cell phones with their children," she says.

Commenting on the phenomenon, Stieffel says, "I understand the parental bond, but I'm not going on job interviews with my children - as some parents do today.

"But it's not for us to say whether or not parents and their Millennial children should be so attached to each other. We just have to understand it and communicate with students and their parents because we're not going to change those bonds."

Research, she notes, indicates that fully engaged parents enhance retention and engagement in the university for ing in students who are more likely to

include:

A sense of entitlement: Baby Boomers believe in paying their dues. Millennials believe they are entitled immediately to anything they can get, whether it is downloadable music or copyrighted research. "Because of the closeness with their parents, they've also received

view themselves as the most crosscultural, cross-creed and cross-color students are seeking more diversified campuses - underscoring the importance of Susquehanna University's commitment to becoming a more diverse, welcoming and inclusive community.

Networking: Accustomed to connecting online with people both near and far away, a significant majority of incoming Susquehanna freshmen use social networks such as Facebook and begin communicating with other orientation begins.

Technology: Aside from their relationship with their parents, probably the most defining characteristic of the the-clock technology. There has never been a more wired generation, and in an era when the amount of change in one day equals what our grandparents experienced in an entire year, the technological innovations are just beginning.

jewelry and clothes, with cell phones embedded in the coat collar and an MP3 player in the sleeve.

Regan laid out a not-too-distant of books, will be armed with digital assistants or digipacks, capable of accessing and editing reusable building blocks of multimedia content - books, videos, news streams. Students will use their digipacks to collaborate on group learning assignments, and both parents and teachers will be able to access the digipacks to assess students' progress - progress that will be gauged not by tests but by continual online assessment high school and college, these advances

As anyone who's seen Madden NFL or Guitar Hero realizes, computerized video games are becoming increasingly says Regan, not just your children's: "Boomers think that the virtual world

is the carning world and when they see their own children playing games, they

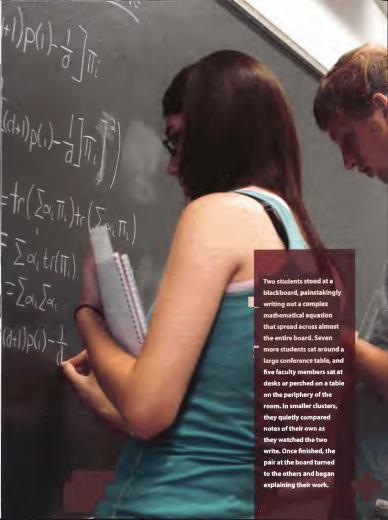
material in their Second Life virtual worlds. Distance learning? Harvard Law instruction ranging from one-hour classes

### Sesquicentennial Commemorative Crock

To mark Susquehanna University's sesquicentennial in 2008, a limited-edition quart belly crock featuring an image of Seibert Hall has been commissioned by the Friends of the Selinsgrove Library. Each crock is accompanied by a pamphlet with a brief history of the building written by Don Housley, professor emeritus of history.

Crocks will be on sale for \$40 during Homecoming Reunion Weekend, Oct. 3-5. They are also available directly from the potter for \$46 (shipping included): Bujno Pottery, 257 West Main St., Adamstown, PA 19501, pottery@ptd.net.





Ry Jennifer Botchie 'oo

"HOW DID YOU ARRIVE AT THIS?" one of the faculty members asked, prompting a discussion of the students' thought process. After a few minutes of back-and-forth, the two students turned back to the blackboard, erased a bit here and rewrote a bit there to rework the equation.

This is the world of quantum information theory (QIT), and this summer three universities in North America, experienced the trial-and-error process of studying this rapidly expanding field of mathematical physics.

Their intensive eight-week study at Susquehanna was made possible through the Department of Mathematics' Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program, funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation. The grant will allow mathematics professors Lisa Orloff Clark, Jeffrey Graham and Alex Wilce to continue working with researchers and undergraduates on the project for the next two summers as well. REU grants awarded to other institutions have also allowed

QIT has connections to both pure mathematics and theoretical computer science. It is "about leveraging quantum physics to find new ways of processing data," says Graham. The research is, in part, an attempt to mix the languages of the different areas tied through OIT, and one thing it may do is help make encryption simpler in computer science. Because of the emerging possibilities and potential connections



tangible benefits - each participant is paid a weekly

Casey Oliver '10, of State Col-

ence will allow me to get



we have had thrown at us recently, I think we are all really excited to start breaking some new ground and hope fully doing something that will be of significant benefit to others." he says.

Some students begin pursuing their undergraduate degree in mathematics thinking that the only career it can lead to is teaching. Through this REU program, students learn there are other options including research, or, as Manney hopes, the skills to prepare her for a career in the business field. The REU experience also allows them to test their career choices before earnies their degrees.

"The experience for the undergrads has the goal of encouraging them to go for graduate work and Ph.D.s," says Graham. "We also hope to get publishable respects, from the students."

Wilce agrees that the REU has an aim of inspiring students to further education: "It will steer students like this toward graduate study, It provides an opportunity to undergraduates at smaller institutions they might not have otherwise. And the goal of the NSF is it increase the workforce in the sciences."

Hosting the REU program also benefits Susquehanna's mathematics department. Bringing students and faculty to Susquehanna from across the country puts the department on the national map, Clark says, which will also make the school and program more attractive to prospective students. And looking through the list of 60 REU participants, Susquehanna is in the company of such schools as Williams College, Cornell University, Lafayette College and the College of William and Mary, as well as larger research institutions.

"It's great to see such a beneficial program being implemented here at SU; hopefully it can continue so that this group along with others to follow can solve or make significant progress on the research problems they encounter, says Manney.

WHILE HOSTING an REU program is a new venture for the mathematics department, Susquehanna students have participated in REUs elsewhere for many years. Some of these luntlude astronomy. REUs at Kitt Peak National Observatory and SUNY-Stony Brook, one in industrial mathematics and statistics at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, one at the Rice Quantum Institute in Texas and one on the study of eastern bluebirds at William and Mary.

This summer, Asbley Thompson ("og, a biology major from Taylor, Pa., is working at the West Texas A&M University REU site, studying the effect of atrazine, a widely used herbicide, on phytoplankton (algae) that use photosynthesis as their energy source. Atrazine is widely used on crop fields in the Southwest to prevent weed growth. It is highly effective at preventing the growth, the downside is its runoff into

"It was important for me to work at a site that valued the environment and would include an environmental issue in my summer research," she says. "At SU currently work on the Centralia project, and I also enjoy occasionally helping Dr. [Jack] Holt with his acid mine drainage project. I enjoy both of these projects very much, and they definitely tie in with my ecological research at West Treas A&M."

Thompson says her experience also helped prepare her for future study, a key NSF goal for the REU program.

"After graduation I plan on attending graduate school to earn my Ph.D. in environmental microbiology or microbial limnology. I feel that my research and time spent in Texas will challenge me as a scientist and help to prepare me for

"I wanted to learn more about what math research is actually all about, like how one would go about forming questions and seeking answers."

Thompson is also studying sints in the phytoplankton community that lead to algal bloom, which has been known to kill fish. In the Southwest, fish kills are often caused by golden algae blooms that produce toxins. She also will examine a possible connection between these blooms and the concentration of atrazine in the water where known fish kills have occurred.

Thompson applied to several different REU sites across the country but decided on the West Texas A&M site because of its connection to her interests and work on the SU campus.

graduate school," she says. "While at West Texas A&M, I have been able to design my own real-world experiment and propose a hypothesis, while remem bering I only have \$500 and 10 weeks. It is sort of the "Trading Spaces" of the science world."—

Jennifer Botchie '99 is a contributing writer and coach of cheerleading at Susquehanna.

# The 'Grove

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The Spider Man

Matthew Persons, Associate Professor of Biology

The History Channel invited Persons this summer to lend his expertise to an upcoming program on monster spiders. Here, Persons answers Susquehanna Currents' questions about the likelihood of a monster

spider's existence



Matthew Persons Thams it up Tor the camera with one of the larger spiders Vhat is the likelihood that a monster spide. exists somewhere in the world?

MP: It depends on one s definition of "monster." The world's largest spiders are the tranntulas, and the biggest of these are females of the species Theraphosa blondi. My old Ph.D. advisor had a preserved one stuffed inside a mason jar; it barely fit. To my knowledge, this particular specimen was the largest ever recorded, over a quarter of a pound in size with a leg span exceeding that of a dinner plate (this particular specimen had the label "Bubba" on the jar). Although we can't rule out the

One person has claimed to have seen a spider the size of a dog. Why do you say

MP: It's not impossible from a physics standpoint, but it's pretty unlikely. As a cell grows larger, its volume grows at a much faster rate than its surface area, and it can't diffuse enough oxygen and nutrients to the center of the cell to keep it alive. This is a problem for all animals, but particularly for arthropods because they can't exchange gases through their skin. This imparts an upper limit on size and explains why most extended.



a spider the size of a dog did exist, what would

MP: As arthropods grow in size, their body dimensions grow in disproportionate ways. Large arthropods are not simply photocopy enlargements of smaller ones. The weight-bearing structures grow disproportionately thicker (a term called "elastic similarity"). A large spider would need

portionately thicker exoskeleton. Because of gravity, a very large spider would be in danger of flattening out like a pancake and deforming its legs before its exoskeleton had a chance to harden. The material found in a spider exoskeleton simply cannot support the weight of a spider the size of a dog.

### SYLLABUS



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### he Writers Workshor

When you step into the classroom on the first day by introduction to Fiction, it's clear almost immediately that it will be a class like no other. Instead of taking their seats at desks in neatly aligned rows, students sit in a circle around a large table, a setup that is fitting for a class with no lectures or exams.

In the class, which is taught primarily by Tom Balley, professor of English and creative writing, students are introduced to fiction through short stories by modern authors with a diversity of writing styles. Students learn to "read like writers," says Ryan Rickrode "1», a writing major from Chambersburg, Pa, who wrote a blog about like seprelnces in the class during his freshman year.

each semester that are critiqued by their classmates. In the workshops, students give one another valuable feedback for revision, followed by periodic one-to-one conferences with their professor.

What makes this class most enjoyable is the intensity with which faculty view their subject."Whenever Balley starts speaking about writing, his eyes light up. His passion for writing is big enough to fill a room and everybody in it." says Rickrode.

To guide his students through the writing process, Bailey draws on his own experiences as a writer (he's had two novels published by Random House, with more on the way). "My students know that I'm not somebody who just sits in there and talks about my subject. I live my subject," Bailey says.

To read more about Rickrode's Introduction to Fiction class, check out his blog at www.susquwriter.blogspot.com.

### FORWARD THINKING

Senior Scholars Highlight Their Academic Endeavors

Earlier this year, more than 100 Susquehanna seniors presented on topics ranging from linear algebra and cryptology to Feeling in French Film at Senior Scholars Day 2008. Through posters, presentations and performances, students shared the results of research they'd conducted

For many students, this 30-year tradition represents a culmination of research and writing spanning several semesters. Christine Pulice '08, of East Greenville, Pa., presented the results of a study on



Afticia Kalb demonstrates her talent on the samphone

the relationship between cherry trees and ants that she began at the start of her junior year with Assistant Professor of Biology Alissa Packer. A paper on their research was accepted for publication in the science journal Functional Ecology.

Pulice was one of many students to present her research professionally. Numerous students also presented their findings at research forums such as the National Conference on Undergraduate Research and the Pennsylvania Academy of Science.

For students like Alicia Kalb '08, of Hatfield, Pa., research was rehearsal. Kalb, a music education major, was one of several seniors who performed on Senior Scholars Day. Working closely with both Adjunct Music Professor

Deborah Andrus and Associate Professor of Music Gail Levinsky, Kalb prepared and played Jean-Baptiste Singlée's Fantaisie for Soprano Saxophone and Piano, op. 89, one of the first pieces ever written exclusively for the soprano saxophone. "This piece really allowed me to work on both my musicality and my technique," says Kalb.

But it was the close interaction with a faculty mentor that really benefited her education, Kalb says, "Dr. Levinsky is a phenomenal saxophone player, and she really helped me improve on my playing, specially the technical aspects. Not just with this piece, but over the last four vears she has taken me so far. I know I am the player I am because of her."

Neal Lesher '08, a political science Inajor from Palmyra, Pa., who investigated the voting patterns of judges appointed by the merit system, agreed that interacting with his faculty mentor was a major highlight of Senior Scholars Day, Although Lesher and his mentor. Associate Professor of Political Science Michele DeMary, had demanding schedules, they still found time to discuss his project. "Since we both led somewhat hectic schedules during the day, we found ourselves meeting over breakfast at Kinfolks (a local restaurant) to discuss



Neal Lesher and Michele DeMary review Lesher's research on voting



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my paper throughout the semester. I think this is the kind of one-on-one attention you can only find at a place like Susquehanna," Lesher says.

"The Senior Scholars project was the best way to implement all the knowledge and skills I have learned since freshman year at Susquehanna," says Sabin Mulepati '08, a biochemistry major from Nepal, According to Mulepati, who conducted research with Assistant Professor of Chemistry Wade Johnson. his Senior Scholars work consisted of just the right balance of independence and guidance, "What I liked best about my project was that Dr. Johnson allowed me to first implement my own ideas. I was able to carry out various experiments and to interact one-on-one with Dr. Johnson when I needed guidance. Whenever I hit a dead end, he always had valuable suggestions to point me in the right direction," says Mulepati. "Dr. Johnson has helped me to think more dent. I think he has made my transition to graduate school easier."

### Summer Opportunities For Collaborative Research

The Summer Opportunities for Collaborative Scholarship Pund provided several students with the opportunity to perform research in the social sciences this summer. The program was started three years ago to forer faculty-student scholarship and to offer the same research opportunities in the social sciences and humanities that exist in the natural sciences.

### Using Literature to Find

Sankofe is an African word meaning "We must go back and reclaim our past so we can move forward; so we understand why and how we came to be who we are today." Last senseter, Courthery Glock '09, a sociology major from Fallston, Md., took this word and developed the Sankofa Book Project under the direction of Simona HIII, associate professor of sociology, and Armenta Hiaton, interim director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Glock has collected information from members of the Susquehanna community and the local area about the books that have been most inspiring in their lives. In discovering these books, the intent is to find the common threads that tie us all together.

The idea for the project started as a way to replace the Office of Multicultural Affairs' reading group with a project that was more inclusive and would cross cultural barriers, welcoming diversity of thought, Hinton says. Teading is a great equalizer. Everyone reads something, whether it's the funny pages, The New York Times or comic books."

### Studying the Effect of Neuropeptide On Memory and Attention

Caitlin Clouser '10, a biology major from Glenmoore, Pa., is working with Kathleen Bailey, assistant professor of psychology, on a research project that studies how memory and attention are

affected by galanin, an inhibitory neuropeptide in the brain that is overexpressed in patients with advanced Alzheimer's disease.

Clouser hopes to work in pharmaceuticals after graduation and says this research is a step in the right direction. 'Not many undergrads get the chance to do research like this," Clouser says.

### A Study of Iraqi Refugees

Samer Abboud, assistant professor of political science, and Brica White '09, a Spanish and international studies major from Edgewater, Md., have examined the displacement of more than four million Iraqis since the U.S.-led invasion in 200, Abboud says he wants to answer "the simple question of why Iraqis left their homes and why they went where they did."



Cartlin Clouser (left) and Kathleen Balley discuss their research on how the neuropeptide galanin affects memory and attention.

White has assisted Abboud by gathering and analyzing statistical data and academic literature regarding Iraqi refugees. "I wrote several research papers on immigration and on internal displacement over the course of the last year, so when the opportunity to work with Dr. Abboud on this project was presented to me, it was almost a no-brainer," says White, whose focus is on the developing world.

### A Cipeer Look at Race In Central Pennsylvenic

Samantha Hertzler '10, a sociology and psychology major from New Bloomfield, Pa., is working with David Ramsaran, associate professor of sociology, on a project that looks at class and color lines in the United States. They are examining changing notions about race during the period of globalization in America by conducting interviews with whites across various class backgrounds in central Pennsylvania.

### Research Partners Program

Sixteen students participated this summer in the Research Partners Program. The program gives faculty the opportunity to do research and enhances student learning by providing them opportunities to actively participate in a research project on a full-time basis, says Thomas Peeler, associate professor of biology, who organizes the program.

Since its inception in 1996, the program has allowed more than 100 students to do research.thanks to funds provided by the Office of the Provost, Peeler says. What emerges from the program is a close community of researchers, composed of students and their professors who become partners in the production of scientific data and results. Following are examples of recent partnerships.

### Cave Research Sheds Light On Career Opportunities

To look at the repercussions of global warming, Carlos Iudica, assistant professor of biology, was eaget to the examine what happened the last time the weather changed drastically. With the help of Brian Tanis '10, a biology and ecology major from Oakland, N.J., Iudica began excavating fragments of bones from caves in central Pennsylvania, which will help them understand how

species have been affected by significant weather changes.

"Opportunities such as this give me the chance to apply concepts that I have learned in the dissroom and take it to the next level with hands-on experience," says Tanis, who has worked with ludica for two years.

"I want to show students that you can get paid for things that you like to do," says ludica, who noted Tanis' interest in rock climbing when he designed a research project that would be both enjoyable and challenging. "You can put together things that you like with what you will do as a profession for the rest of your life."



Brian Tanks searches for bones in a central Pennsylvania cave

### Auditing SU's Environment

Jacqueline Yalango '09, an earth and environmental science major from Milford, Pa., is working with Katherine Straub, associate professor of geological and environmental science, on an environmental audit of Susquehanna

University. The research assesses energy usage, food waste and recycling on campus over the past five years. Yalango has also compared the energy efficiency in older dorms with that in the new West Village buildings, which have geothermal energy and motion-sensored lighting. This data will be used by the Campus Sustainability Committee, of which Straub is a member, to make recommendations for change.

"It will be useful to the Susquehanna community to know that the way we live every day affects the world around us," Yalango says.

### Mating in Wolf Spiders

Alex Sweger '10, a biology and chemistry major from Etters, Pa., and Matthew Persons, associate professor of biology, are studying mate choice of the male wolf spider.

What both Sweger and Persons emphasized most was the importance of their collaboration. "We bounce ideas off of each other, brainstorming and critiquing the methods that we might want to use to test our ideas, but Alex is the primary creative force behind the project," Persons says,

Their research challenges the widely accepted principle that males have much do females. "The implications of this are enormous and have been used to explain behavioral differences between males and females of most animals, including

The research also holds implications for Sweger's future. "One of the reasons why SU science majors are so successcollaborators, not helpers or students,"

It's an opportunity Sweger and other

understand what it means to really 'do science' until the pressure is on to design and run your own experiments, pose your own unique questions about the natural world, and perform to the standards set by the scientific community at large," Sweger says.

Contributing writers to The Grove section are Julie



Vietnew Persons (left) and Alin Sweper at work in Persons' souder let-

# Scoreboard

By Jennifer Botchie '99

### **New Faces Join SU Athletics**

staff this summer. Nathan Milne was named foot-

Milne came to Susquehanna from SUNYrunning backs, coaching five All-New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) offensive linemen and one All-NJAC running back. He also spent one year as

A 2003 graduate of Hobart College, Milne was a Athletic Association tournament teams.

Healy, before joining Susquehanna's staff, served as assistant sports information director at Hamilton College. He also served as an assistant track and field coach there, working with throw-



ers. Before his tenure



four-year member of the football team. He was also per and worked on the student radio station.

### Marr Receives Blair Heaton Award

Men's track and field standout Mike Marr '08 is the 2008 recipient of the Blair Heaton Award. Marr, a team co-captain, helped the Crusaders to second-place

bronze in the triple jump. He won career conference title in that event. He was also the runner-up in the the long jump.

pionships qualifier. Marr's best finish placed sixth and earned All-American status. He was the 36th All-American in Susquehanna men's track and field history and the first ever in the high jump. He placed ninth in the high



In academic achievements, Marr was one of 58 winter student-athletes across

He earned conference academic honors six times over his four years.

Marr received his degree in biology with a minor in health care studies and was a member of both the Beta Beta Beta biology honor society and the Alpha

shown on the playing field by the late Blair Heaton. A 1942 Susquehanna graduate,



### **Moormann Receives Harnum Award**

The 2008 Connie N. Hamrum Award for the pof female scholar-athlet was awarded to Ashley Moormann '08, a four-year letter winner in track and field. Moormann capped her profile Crusader career by being named the Landmark Conference Women's Outdoor Field Athlete of the Year for her performance at the spring championships. There, she won the hammer throw and the short put and took third in the Javelin and discus, helping the team to a second-place finish. Susquehamna also took second-place finish. Susquehamna also took second in the indoor championships this winter, where Moormann placed third in the shorp ut and fourth in the weight throw

Moormann's two individual golds this
outdoor season top off a career that includes

In top-eight conference placements. She also provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division III Outdoor Championships in 2006.

Moormann was equally productive in the classroom. She was the 2008 Landmark Conference Senior Scholar-Athlete for women's indoor track and field, was named to the Landmark Spring All-Academic Team and was on the conference academic honor lill n both the winter and spring seasons. She also earned academic honors from the Middle Atlantic Conference four times and was a 2005 Academic All-Americans.

nies, Moormann received her degree in early childhood and elementary education. Her academic honors at Susquehanna ncluded membership in the Kappa Delta Yi education honor society, the Alpha ambda Delta freshman honor society and the Kappa Mu Epsilon mathematics sonor society.

The Connie N. Harnum Award is given annually to the outstanding female scholar-dihiete and is presented in honor of Susquehanna's longtime head field hockey coach, who retired in 200 with 195 career victories over 27 seasons. She also served as the Crusoders' head women's tennis coach for is escons and was the school's assistant director of athletics and senior women's administrator at the time of her retirement.



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### **SU Athletes Score Big in the Classroom**

Susquehanna student athletes continued to make their mark in the inaugural season of the Landmark Conference with an impressive showing in the awarding of spring season academic honors. Of the 363 student athletes named to the 2008 Spring Landmark Conference Academic Honor Roll, 7 were from Susquehanna.

Four more spring athletes were selected for the Spring Landmark AH-Academic Team, which honors two male and two female athletes from each of the conference's eight schools. Susquehanns selections were men's tack and field members Jeffrey "JJ" Steolas" on foogan Station, Pa., and Patirisk Domegan' op, of Lewisburg, Pa., of Cogan Station, Pa., and Patirisk Domegan' op, of Lewisburg, Pa. Ashley Moormann '08, of Stanhope, N.J., from the women's track and field team; and Shelby Werronen '09, of Concord, Ohio, from the women's tennis team.

Capping off the conference accolades, three Suiquehanns senior were named Landmark Spring Senior Scholar Athliese Luke Burnet (ed., of Mechanicaburg, Pa, earned the honors for men's lacrosse, Danielle McCann Oas, Of Berkeley Heights, NJ, for softball and Sarah Burkhardt (ed., of Hoffman Estates, Ill. for women's outdoor track and field. Susquehanna finished the year with six Senior Scholar Athletes across the three seasons, the most of any Landmark school.

# People Places

By Julie Buckingham '09

### The Fire Down Below

Imagine a town where the ground is sinking, the roads are cracked, trees and plants have dried up, and possonous gasse leak from below. For the nine residents who remain in Centralia, Pa., site of one of the worst mine fixes in U.S. history, this is a reality. For Susquehanna scientists, the site contains a treasure trove of research opportunities.

Their research caught the attention of German filmmakers who produced a documentary that aired earlier this year on ZDF, Germany's national public television channel. Amid filming, Jennifer Elick, associate professor of geological and environmental science, was invited to accompany the film crew as



Jennifer Elick (center) at work in the classroom.

they flew over the Centralia mine fire. Using a thermal infrared aerial camera, Elick captured images of where head was released from the fire. By combining these images with other materrials from the Department of Environmental Protection library in Harrisburg, she developed a map that shows the spread of the fire from its outbreak in 1962 to the present.

Before now, infrared images were collected periodically by the government but never compiled into a map of the entire region, Elick says. Her map is pivotal for research at Centralia because it will help scientists understand the rate of the fire's spread and the direction in which it will continue. It will help them to better determine how long the fire will burn and may also help scientists understand how the ecosystem will reestablish itself once the fire has passed through the region, Elick says.

Her map also may initiate new lines of research that will have global impact, as the information gamered from Centralia can be used to understand the underground mine fires that plague countries such as China and India, where mine fires are most numerous and concentrated.

Elick presented her research at the national Geological Society of America meeting in October and plans to submit two manuscripts for publication in Pennsylvania Geology and The Journal of Coal Geology. You can view Elick's videos about Centralia and her other research at www.elicksfilcs.com/geoed html.

### Biology Professor Named Watershed Man of the Year

Professor of Biology Jack Holt and his research partner, Mike Bilger, were recently named "Watershed Men of the Year" by the Snyder County (Pa.) Conservation District.

Holi and Bilger have been working with the Lower Penns Creek Watershed Association to assess current conditions in the watershed, sampling is sites along 40 miles of lower Penns Creek over several years. They've also trained other volunteers to be able to monitor the water quality and have provided technical assistance to the association.

The Lower Penns Creek Watershed Association is a nonprofit, volunteer organization committed to protecting and improving the watershed through the wise stewardship of land and aquatic resources. The group received a Growing Greener grant from the state Department of Environmental Protection to help fund the assessment, and has applied for a grant from the Foundation of Pennsylvania Watersheds to continue funding for the three-gars study.



Jack Holt conducting research in the Lower Penns Creek Watershed.

### Grants Open New Doors For Susquehanna Students

Stephen Maganzini '11, a biology major from Wolfeboro Palls, N.P.H., clearly recalls Eric, the 1-year-old boy he met in a Belize medical clinic who had cut his ankle with a machete. "By the time he came to us that day, his ankle had swollen to the size of a grapefruit," Maganzini says.

Maganzini traveled to Belize as part of the summer SU CASA (Susquehanna University Central America Service Adventure) program under the direction of April Borry-Black, administrative director of Susquehanna's Health Center.

Black gave the injured boy a high dose of antibiotics to fight the infection and bandages to keep the wound clean. Despite the injury, "Eric never stopped smiling," Maganzini says.

The experience is one Maganzini will never forget, and he's not alone. This summer students made memories and earned valuable experiences in locations across the country and around the world thanks to three donor-sponsored grants. These grants — the Gundaker and Summers Enrichment Fund Grants and the Kemper Experiential Learning Fund — provided students with small incomereplacement stipends or helped cover their transportation and other expenses. In total, more than \$54,000 was given to 2s tudents this summer.

Six of the eight students who traveled to Belize did so with support from the Gundaker Enrichment Fund, established in 2004 by Robert G. Gundaker '64, and his wife, Isabelle. That same year, James W. Summers' 64 and his wife, Barbara Evans '65 Summers, established the Summers Enrichment Fund to act in conjunction with the Gundaker grant.

"I've seen the difference it makes for students," says Black. "It energizes them for volunteer opportunities on campus. The contribution it makes toward their education is outstanding."

The combined funds also enabled Alicia Wyler '10, a music education major from Pottstown, Pa., to study music in Vienna this summer. "I returned to Susquehanna with many more friends and a greater understanding of music and the world," says Wyler.

A new grant from the Kemper Foundation was also used this summer to create the Kemper Experiential Learning Fund, a \$20,000 fund that gives liberal arts majors the chance to gain work experience in business or public service.

"Students learn by doing, and getting students off campus and into the workplace provides them with valuable insights, skill development, and professional and personal growth," says Edmond Clarke, director of foundation and government relations.

The Kemper grant allowed **Justin**Chambers '09, a communications major
from Freedom, Pa., to intern at WPXI-TV



Stephen Maganzini witi

in Pittsburgh this summer. Chambers says the experience was invaluable because "books can only teach me so much."

"Actually seeing what needs to be done and doing it will give me a competitive edge after graduation," he says.

Maganzini had a similar take on the internships and service-learning experiences supported by the grants. His SU CASA trip helped him realize that "learning truly does go beyond the classroom."

"At Susquehanna, there are so many great opportunities to grow not only as a student but as an individual," he says. "It creates an environment where success is inevitable."

### English Professor Attends Seminar on Liberal Education

Associate Professor of English Laurence Roth was selected from a national pool of applicants to attend the highly selective seminar *Twenty-first Century Liberal Education* held at Transylvania University in Lexington, Ky., this summer.

Roth joined 14 other scholars from institutions such as Davidson College, Mount Holyoke College, University of Richmond and Bryn Mawr College in addressing the mission of the liberal arts college in 21st century America.

Laurence Roth

Participants were also asked to consider the application of liberal education principles in enhancing their effectiveness as college and university teachers in the classroom, in the preparation of course offerings, and in the construction of curricula at their academic institutions.

These discussions "will prove useful to campus discussions about Susquehanna's new central curriculum, about our assessment of learning outcomes, and about realizing our goal of making SU one of the premier liberal arts colleges in the nation," Rob says.

Roth teaches Ilterature and Jewish studies courses at Susquehanna. He is the author of Inspecting Jows: American Jewish Detective Stories and and its currently co-editing, with Nadia Valman, The Routledge Companion to Contemporary Jewish Cultures. He is also the editor of Modern Language Studies, the academic Journal of the Northest Modern Language Association.



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### Honoring an SU Trailblazer

Theresa Palmer '73 Tracy, the first African-American woman to graduate from Susquehanna, was honored at a luncheon this spring by the society named for her.

The Theresa Palmer Society honored Tracy for the pioneering role she played in the university's history. At the luncheon, she spoke to students about her experiences at Susquehanna, as well as her experiences as a female leader. Also recognized at the event were graduating members Courtney Allen '08, Muriel Langley '08, Brittany Wood '08 and Tajisha Swinton '08.

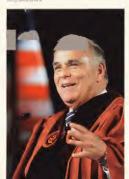
The society represents a "real belief in diversity of thought and of culture, not just of color differences," says Armenta Hinton, interim director of multicultural affairs. It was founded by students in 2006 out of the desire for an organization for women that was, in Hinton's words, "indicative of Susquehanna and Susquehanna only." Its goals are to support the multiple dimensions of race and ethnicity, social class, spirituality and sexual orientation of women at Susquehanna, while emphasizing identity and leadership.

The visit by Tracy was monumental not only for members of the society but for the university as a whole. Since the formation of the Theresa Palmer Society, two other organizations also have been formed to promote diversity. One is Phi Beta Sigma, the first historically black fraternity at Susquehanna. Five students, Victor Taylor '09, Gregory Jones '10, George Livingston '09, Bobby Bradley '10 and Alexander James '09, and five faculty and staff members representing academic and administrative offices were inducted into the organization in March.

### Pennsylvania Governor Delivers Commencement Address

Pannsylvania Gov. Edward G. Rendell gave the

President L. Jav Lemons reminded the class Class of 2008 has a significant legacy. Yet the best is before you. You leave here today primed for great achievement, distinguished leadership and heartfelt service in continuation of Susquehanna's mission. Those three values — achievement, leadership, service — formed the foundation of our university from its opening 150 years ago and remain durable vet dynamic as we learn more about the world, shape it and are shaped by it."



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## Honoring a Lifelong Dedication to Science

### And the 2008-09 Reunion Scholars Are...

Members of last year's reunion classes, from 1957 through 2002, contributed to the Reunion Scholarship Fund. By doing so, they established scholarships for rising sophomores at Susquehanna. The recipients of these scholarships are

Class of 1057 Marisa Dadurka, accounting major from Forty Fort, Pa.

Class of 1962 Anthony Deturo, business major from Roslyn, Pa.

Class of 1967 Coty Everitt, com munications major from Watsontown, Pa.

Shayna Freed, communications major from Vestal, N.Y.

Class of 1977 Judith Goltz, music major from Abington, Pa.

Calleb Helsey, graphic design major from Newport, Pa.

Class of 1987 Allyson Hemma, creative writing major from

Darrville, Pa.

Class of 1992 Adam Krushinskie, political science major from Shamokin, Pa

Class of 1997 Amy Merholz, business major from Solon, Ohio

Class of 2002 Bruce Osborn, political science major from

These Reunion Scholars are grateful for the support of their success at Susquehanna. Look for more information about these students in the coming months.

of Paul Coleman '40, the answer might be something that reflects a lifelong dedica-

Coleman's son, Peter, to imagine the possibility of the Paul D. Coleman Physics Center at Susquehanna. The center will be part of the renovation of Fisher Science Hall, which is set to open in the fall of 2011.

"I saw that Susquehanna was expanding its science facilities, and around that my father," Peter Coleman says, "I wanted

and memorable, and I out the two together. Susquehanna is the place that gave him his start

The center will include 6,200 square feet of space. an increase from the current 5,200 square feet, as well as improved labs, office space for the physics department faculty, and a resource center to help bring students and faculty together and cultivate relationships outside of the classroom.

Coleman's interest in physics was born at Susquehanna, thanks to Physics Professor Paul Johannes Ovrebo, with whom he formed a lasting bond. He later earned a

master's degree from Penn State and a doctorate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree from Susquehanna.

As a member of the faculty at the from 1951 to 1988 — where, as he says, he grew Ph.D.s" --- Coleman inspired his own students and forged similar bonds with

fund the Coleman Physics Center

ment to me," Paul Coleman says, "Being remembered and appreciated and having effort, it's pretty hard for an older person



(Front, from left) Peter Coleman, Paul Coleman 'zo, Ron Cohen, vice president of vice president for administration and planning, celebrate Paul's 90th birthday at the Champaign Country Club, in Champaign, HL, on May 30.

> "This whole project was an enormous labor of love that your son was absolutely determined to make happen," Susquehanna President L. Jay Lemons told Coleman at his birthday celebration. "He has been unbelievable as a volunteer, an organizer

And those efforts paid off into quite a

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### Science Building Naming Opportunities

Naming Opportunity	Quantity	Amount
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West Pavilion	1	\$5 M
Atrium/Main Entrance	1	\$3 M
Each floor by pavilion	6	\$1 M
Courtyard/outdoor classroon	n 1	\$500K
Seminar duplex	1	\$250K
Teaching Labs	15	\$200 -250K
Greenhouse	1	\$200K
Student/faculty research suites	2	\$150-250K
Computer Lab	1	\$150K
Chemistry Demonstration Lab	1	\$150K
Classrooms — general purpose	2	\$150K
Student/faculty research labs	17	\$75=100K
Resource centers	3	\$50K
Instrument/preparation rooms	3	\$50K
Faculty offices	18	\$30K
Specialty lab support	11	\$25K











A typical classroom in the new building, offering faculty the Pexibility of combining lecture and lab activities in a given class.



### Art, Science, Green and You

### Changing Lives, Building Futures reaches \$50.3 million



Changing Lives, Building Futures seeks to raise \$70 million by 2010 in new resources to support endowment and program goals, construction of a new science facility and financial aid for students.

Construction of Susquehanna University's new \$33 million science building has begun. and with it comes a special and creative supporting the top priority in the Changing Lives, Building Futures campaign.

When it opens in 2010, the new 75,000square-foot science building, located across University Avenue from Fisher Science Hall, will demonstrate Susquehanna University's commitment to sustainability and envidesigned to meet or exceed the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification criteria. "Green" elements of the building

- · the use of recycled materials in the
- an energy-efficient HVAC system;
- water-reduction capabilities;
- daylight harvesting; and · a rooftop greenhouse.
  - The university will also earn a LEED

of an education exhibit that helps visitors see and comprehend these energy-saving exhibit will be housed in a central location. and feature computer kiosks that enable users to call up various building features. read about their design elements, see realtime energy usage and learn more about the LEED process.

Donors, with gifts of as little as \$450 spread over three years, can support the effort and help earn the LEED point -- and have their names attached permanently

### Here's How

For a gift of \$450, payable over a period of up to three years, your name(s) will be displayed in the Pine donor category on a large wall near the exhibit, identifying you

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period of up to three years, an Emerald donor can purchase one (or more) of 115 courtyard patio outside the building's north entrance. We will engrave the donor's name(s) on the payer. If you have a favorite element, you can select it; but availability Is on a first-come, first-served basis, and some have already been purchased

### If You're Interested

Act now! Gifts or pledges can be made online at www.susqu.edu/development/ sciences or by contacting the Susquehanna University Fund office at 570-372-4117 or cscholl@susqu.edu. If you make a multiyear gift commitment, we need to receive a first installment from you on or before June 30, 2009, in order to include your name(s) on the interior wall or in the courtyard patio. We will also be providing quidelines for donors to help determine how names can be represented on the wall and in the Periodic Table of Elements courtyard.

### ...and come Fall 2010...

We look forward to opening the building and celebrating your contribution to the project! Thanks for helping "LEED" the way, and please contact us if you have questions or would like more information.

## Honor Roll of Donors

The Changing Lives, Building Fairues campaign has received gifts and piedges from thousands of alumni, parents, friends and organizations. Their investments provide governful messages of confidence in Susquehanna's priorities, which focus on student learning and achievement. We are grateful for all gifts, large and small, that have brought the campaign to sos, a million toward Its 570 million target.

Leadership gift commitments have provided key support enabling us to move forward on important projects an programs. It is a special pleasure to recognize and thank the following donors who have made very generous gifts to the campaign through June 30, 2008:

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We strive for accuracy in acknowledging donors, but we do make mistakes. If we have incorrectly or inaccurately listed any donor, please contact Victoria Kidd, assistant director of advancement communications, at kidd@susqu.edu.

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# **Alumni Notes**

### Message Board



### One-five-zero

One: One university, one family, one big year, I hope you have had the chance, or will make the opportunity, to join us for any number of big events during Susquehanna's special. vear-long sesquicentennial celebration.

Five: Five great dates (it's really eight, but who's counting?)

Sept. 6 - SU football, Another kickoff, this time to the football season, with an alumni event on Sept. 5, the night before the opener against Moravian in Bethlehem, The Football Alumni Association will hold a special meeting on Saturday morning before the game, featuring President L. Jay Lemons.

Sept. 15 - Constitution Day celebration, featuring the Honorable Samuel A. Alito Ir. An evening lecture that brings the nation's 110th Supreme Court justice to Selinsgrove, sponsored by the Arlin M. Adams Center for Law and Society.

Oct. 2 - Alumni Career Fair. An annual event sponsored by the Center for Career Services. Kick off Homecoming Reunion Weekend a day early and visit with SU students at the Career Fair. If you are a graduate with a full-time job opening at your company, are interested in hiring a student intern for summer 2009, or want to do some networking of your own, please consider coming back for this event, held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 570-372-4115, or the Center for Career Services at 570-372-4146 if you would like more information.

Oct. 3-5 - Homecoming Reunion Weekend. A three-day event honoring the founding of our alma mater. The weekend begins Friday with a festive celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Sigmund Weis School of Business, the 50th reunion of the Class of 1958, and the Sesquicentennial Ball, featuring special musical performances and the crowning of the Homecoming queen and king. Saturday will feature the sesquicentennial parade, a cornerstone-laying ceremony for the new science building, and the football game. On Sunday, President Lemons honors his rain check to the Class of 2008 (also open to other interested guests) and leads the annual senior class hike up Mount Mahanoy. Finally, we celebrate the 2008 distinguished alumni award winners at a banquet that also recognizes all past award recipients.

Nov. 18 - Entrepreneurship Week. An evening panel discussion featuring alumni experts discussing U.S. competitiveness in a global economy.

Zero: As in none, nada, nil, the big goose egg.

It's the number of occasions - after this year - that we'll have to celebrate our alma mater's 150th anniversary! Please come and be a part of the extraordinary activities that will remind you how wonderful and special it is to be part of the Susquehanna University family.

"Loyal to her by night and by noon, we'll raise the Orange and Maroon."

Becky Bramer '92 Deitrick Director of Alumni Relations

Harry "Bucky" L. Clark Jr. '59 has been elected a trustee of Abington Memorial Hospital

45TH REUNION

George Kirchner '64 received ciation's (PDA) highest honor, ing in Hershey, Pa. George is a general dentist in Allentown, Pa.

Nancy Corson '65 Carter is Triangle Area (Durham, Chapel Hill and Raleigh), it's situated in environmental advocacy

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the country. In addition to opportunities, and listening to

Kerry P. Maurer '79 earned Seminary in Philadelphia. He is the senior pastor at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Bloomsburg. Pa. His daughter, Emily, is a

Sally Zapp '79 married lames ( Jay) Showalter on Jan, 3 at Faith Pa. Shirley Bailey '77 Willard attended the wedding. Sally and

Phillip Compton '80 works as an artist from his studio in Reading, Pa., specializing in landscapes, architectural paintings and commissioned portraits phillipcompton@verizon.net

Alayne Hunter '80 Fessler received a master's degree in sylvania State University in May. She is the program director of the Medical Laboratory Technician Program at Read-She and her husband, Bob '80. live in Reading with their three sons, Dan '08, Matthew and Neal

### Stephanie Owens'07

### Doing It Like a Gringo

For 2007 Honors Program graduate Stephanie Owens, the path toward a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Chile began with the confluence of her interests in feminism and wordplay. 1 consider myself to be a bit of a word-

smith," says Owens, "and I had heard that Chileans are renowned for having a unique vocabulary that's full of slang and interesting expressions." During an anthropology class with Associate Professor Shari Jacobson. Owens explored the development of feminism in Chile from the Pinochet dictatorship through the 2006 elections in which Michelle Bachelet became the country's first woman president. So when the time came To apply for a Fulbright award. Chile was a

natural choice. Owens currently lives with a host family in Temuco, where she assists in seven - sections of English in the Translation Department at La Universidad Catolica.

Although she has found the language barrier difficult to overcome, she welcomes the challenge of trying to fit in like a native speaker, "I especially enjoy seeing how people react when I can make a joke that only Chileans would understand," she says, "or when I watch a popular soap opera and finally understand an entire segment. including the slang," Droll occurrences of culture shock are taken in stride; a particular sandwich, she discovers, is devoured with the aid of silverware, and not, as she had · assumed with her hands

A young woman possessing great energy and creativity. Owens has not been content to perform only her assigned tasks. She offers her students workshops on such topics as American Icons and Pop Culture. hosts English-language luncheons at her \*home and recently started an Internet Pen Pal program through which her students in Chile can talk to American college students or alumni via AOL Instant Messenger, At semester's end, notes from these instant messages will be given to Owens, who will A compile a dictionary of slang and phrases for use by future students.

Owens says the best decision she made during her college career was declaring a sociology major, which brought her under



Stephanie Owens in Chile.

the influence of professors such as Jacobson, who, Owens says, "holds students to the highest standards and expects excellence in every aspect of work. While this is incredibly challenging, her classes were some of the most rewarding because I really felt proud of myself at the end of the semester."

Although the work is paramount, Owens is heartily enjoying her sojourn in Chile. She has toured the national parks, mingled in the street life of the cities and is planning a white-water rafting trip.

Like many traveling Americans, Owen sometimes hears a negative comment about her homeland and its people, But she sees this as "an opportunity to examine the good sides of seemingly negative stereotypes," For example, she will deflect the criticism that Americans are too competitive by employing the Chilean phrase hacer algo a lo gringo ("to do something like a gringo"), which means to perform a task all-out and in the best possible way.

In short, the Stephanle Owens way,

Read more about Stephanle Owens' Fulbright experience at www.susgu.edu/ honors/gradsoz.htm.

Larry Gaffney is a contributing writer from

### Spotlight John Christianson'01

### Making a Difference, One Quarter at a Time

Would you pay a quarter for a CD of a cappella music by a group of talented singers called "A Bunch of Guys"? Sure you would. But how about \$5,000 for the same CD?

Such a wild fluctuation in pricing is most uncommon, but then again John Christianson 'o1 is an uncommon man. Currently a research fellow at the University of Colorado's Center for Neuroscience in Boulder, Christianson has been devoting his energies to the betterment of mankind since his youthful days as a counselor at Calumet, a Lutheran camp in rural New Hampshire." loved working with kids," he says, "and this led me to a major in psychology at SU."



historism at work in the lab

His plans for a career as an educator or a counselor took a turn when he came under the influence of Professor of Psychology James Misanin, who guided him toward a different path. "At a small school like SU," says Christianson, "a good professor can get to know a student and look beneath the uncertainty for the big picture."

In Christianson, Misanin saw a talent for the painstaking work of scientific research. This led to a Ph.D. at the University of New Hampshire, and ultimately to a National Research Service award from the National

institutes of Health to study the neuroblological factors associated with stress, He is currently working at the Center for Neuroscience at the University of Colorado, His goal is to better understand the machinery of the brain and how factors such as exercise, for example, help an organism cope with stress. He hopes that his findings will add to our knowledge of the brain-body connection and improve methods for treat-Ing stckness and depression.

And what, you may ask, does any of this have to do with a \$5,000 CD? The connection is service.

As a Boy Scout and camp counselor, Christianson came to appreciate the lov of serving others. This love for service continued through college. I was really Impressed, he says, "that one of the first things we did at SU was to get involved In community service projects. Not only was the work itself satisfying, but it was a great way to make new friends. It's hard to be in a bad mood when you're putting together a swing set."

And music, a big part of Christianson's life, has also been very much about service. "A Bunch of Guys" Was formed by a group of UNH Lutheran students Interested not only in singing, but also in charitable works. Christianson says, "People who I call 'Angel Donors' contributed enough so that we could produce a high-quality CD, and we decided to give all the sales to the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church In America) world hunger campaign."They sold the CDs at concerts, asking only that buyers give what they could afford. One generous soul paid \$5,000. At the same concert, a child gave them a quarter. Christianson, a man who understands the meaning of giving, says, "The large donations were wonderful. But in a way the quarter meant even more to us."

Larry Gaffney is a contributing writer from

Cindy Townsend '81 Martin was

James Follweiler '83, a lieutenthe Defense Logistics Agency Support Team at Bagram Airfield history at Lehigh University.

Jill Keoppel '84 was elected board president for the Metro Multifamily Housing Associais a strong voice for the multifamily industry in Oregon and southwest Washington, serving owners and managers of more lill is a senior portfolio manager with Income Property Management in Portland, Ore.

Suzanne Leach '84 Magrowski is the creative director of copy at Bachleda Advertising in Drive, Shillington, PA 19607. She can be reached at suzanne. magrowski@gmail.com.

Pam DeVito '8s and Frank Venturella, became the parents of a

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### 15TH REUNION

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Matthew Heimbach '96, tials. This has enabled him to services to other dental offices

Chris Kern '96, and his wife,

Jason Carrier '97 and his wife,

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Mike Spangler '98 was inducted

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Daniel Rogan in September 2006

is a behavior manager at Carrier

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## STH REUNION

Angela Albertini '03 earned her master of business admin-She is a meeting planner for the Amusement Parks and Attrac-

Lynn Burke '03 has been College. She will work in conjunction with other student also oversee most areas of upperclass housing and serve

Stephanie Young '03 Galloway in Morris and Sussex counties,

David Kane '03 was named the Teacher of the Year in March. He is an elementary school teacher at Kissimmee, Fla., Elementary from National-Louis University.

Maureen L. Seifried '03 graduated in May with a master of divinity degree from Gettysburg in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She has been called to serve as pastor

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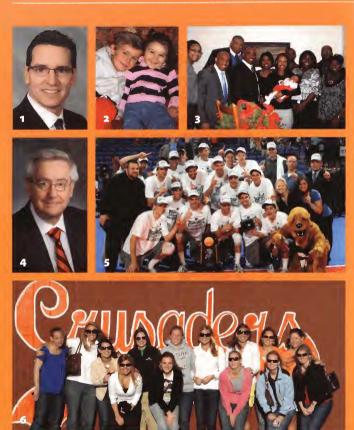
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### Corrections

The Wright-Bentley Foundation was mistakenly omitted from the organizations section Associate Gold Circle.

Emil Taimazov '98 was incorrectly listed in the front of the book under the Benjamin Kurtz Silver Circle, He should have been listed Gold Circle.

### **Alumni Notes**



- 1 Tom Lull '94 received a Chairman's Award for extraordinary sales performance in 2007 from Armstrong World Industries, Lancaster, Pa. He expanded Armstrong's business by working with top architects and designers in New York City to achieve a 111 percent average increase in total sales over 2006.
- 2 Henry Quinlan '95 is working for his brother Tom as a general contractor specializing in health care refurbishments, upgrades and improvements. He is also the head football coach at Old Rochester Regional High School. He and his wife, Maureen, live in Mattapoisett, Mass., near Cape Cod, and have two children, Ryan and Kelly,
- 3 Torrance 'oo and Lisa Sangster 'or Cleveland, became the parents of a daughter, Savanna Tori, Nov. 22, 2007. Several alumni attended her baptism on Feb. 17 at the Valley Forge Presbyterian Church in King of Prussia, Pa. Pictured are, from left to right, back row: Rodney Moorhead 'oo, Venus Ricks 'os, Antonio Nash 'oz and Charles Barley Jr. '99; front row: Andrea McCauley '02 Nash, Jermaine Edwards '02, Torrance, Lisa, Savanna, Dehkonti Paelay 'os and Kamil Rustin 'oo Barley. The family lives in Killeen, Texas. Torrance is stationed at Foot Hood and is commander of a field artillery unit, scheduled for another tour to Iraq this year. Lisa is a senior systems

## **Snapshots**

- 4 Terry March '67, chief executive officer of Midwood Securities Inc., was appointed a director-at-large to the board of the United States Tennis Association's Tennis & Education Foundation.
- 5 Craig Dyer '95 is an assistant coach with the Penn State men's volleyball program. In May, they won the NCAA Division 1 national championship in Irvine, Calif. Craig is pictured in black on the far left.
- 6 Women's lacrosse alumni came back to campus to cheer during a game on April 12. Pictured are, left to right: Amy Zimmerman '98 Scorsone, Jess Robinson '04, Kristin Calabree '04, Kat Geiger '03, Giulia Umile '03, Teresa Kotlicka '06, Megan Lien '07, Lauren Campbell 'o6, Leslie Scjarrillo 'o4, Katie Sonnefeld 'o2, Kelly Smith 'o3, Katie Hess 'o4, Julia Fischer 'or Mennerich and Erin Powell 'or.
- 7 Frank Arena '80 was sworn in to office as a newly elected Westfield, N.J., town councilman on Jan. 8, by State Superior Court Judge Douglas Fasciale. Frank is joined on the dais by wife Lori, son Christopher and daughter Carli.
- 8 Cross County Reunion held Oct. 24-26 at Gravel Springs Lodge in Wolfs Store, Pa. Pictured are, from left to right, first row: Chris Corsig '81, Bryan Rynearson '82; second row: Dave Cashour '82, Doug Jones '89, Mark Drogalis '84, Stan Seiple, David Kcenich '87, Pete Ashey '87, Jerry Price '85; standing: Joe Carei '90, George Rudisill '83, John Uehling '82, Ed Fallon '89, Jeff Walker '87 and Jay Roberts '89.
- 9 Tim Murray '93 Is the CFO of Aluminium Bahrain. This picture is from a review he had with their operations team at his plant. Tim is pictured in the back row. fourth from the left.





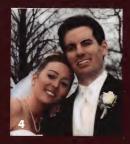






## Wedding Album







- Nicholas Hoffman or married Michele Collins 50, March 17, 2007, or Carlisle, Pa. Many Susquehanna alumni were in attendance, and the wedding party included Mark Wells '02, Andy Jacob '01, Sal Saladino '01, Chris Kampel '06, Phil Smeltz '07, Emmy Henry '00, Courtney Hoover'00 Kelly, Karolyn Sadowski '00 and Michele recently moved from Philadelphia to Appleton. Wis. where Nick is a practicing attorney with Dosch Law Firm, LLC, Michele is director of admissions for 'oo Thomas, Mike Thomas 'oz, Ben Voelker 'oz, Jodi Dottery 'o4, Emmy Henry 'oo, Jacob, Karolyn Sadowski 'oo, Brad Minto '99, Kirsten Dohner 'oo, Craig Wallace 'oo, Dana Makowski 'oo Wallace, Cheryl Fell 'oo, Robyn Lettich 'oo, Casey Segen 'oo, Jay Mammen 'oo, Luis Salgado 'oo, Brad Levine 'oo, J.R. Lubisco 'oo, Saladino. Brad Mackeverican '02, Greg Ermentrout '03, J.D. Schieber '02, Glenn Lester '00, Mike Pugliano 'oo, Bret O'Donnell 'o1, Mark Wells 'o2, Megan Marquette 'o2, Jill Snyder 'oz Musser.
- 2 Sarah Curley 'oo married Michael Bullock, June 16, 2007, at St. Francis Xavier Church in Friendsville, Pa. Pictured are, from left to right, Kelly Alexander '99. Debbie Bartle 'oo Hardick, Sarah, Mackenzle Pfeifer 'oo Dabo, Rebecca Kagan 'oo
- 3 Adriana Sassano '04 married Joseph DiNenno Jr. on May 3 in Coatesville, Pa. Adriana is a technical business analyst for PrimePay in Malvern, Pa. They live
- 4 Stephanie Thompson 'oo married Jason Whiteman, April 14, 2007, at the Gen-Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md. She is currently working on her master's degree at the University of Maryland. Jason is an attorney in Washington, D.C. They
- 5 Michael Binger '04 married Jenny Ruth Hawbaker '04, on Dec. 27 at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club. They had an intimate ceremony and reception with only their family and a handful of close friends present, Jenny is the assistant director of recruitment communications at Susquehanna University. Pictured are, from left to right, Zach Macholz '06, Julie Peechatka '04, Emily Seibert '06, Sarah Owens'os, David Antonoiwicz'os, Mouluddin Rahimi'no, Jenny Ruth and Michael.
- 6 Lynne Helcoski 'o1 married Ryan Murray '04, July 27, 2007, at Nativity of Our Lord Church in Scranton, Pa, The reception was held at Skytop, Amy Getz '01, Jill Hunziker 'o1 Shilts, Jeff Steever 'o1 and John Bickhart 'o1 were in the wedding engineer/programer for A & E Manufacturing Inc. They live in Furlong, Pa.
- 7 Ellen Mull '04 married Nicholas Berger at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Selinsgrove on Jan. 12. Ellen is the granddaughter of the late Norman H. Lauer '62. Pictured Susquehanna alumni in attendance are, from left to right, front row: Elizabeth Harker '04, Ellen, Wendy Lauer '80 Mull, Kathryn Mull '06, Sara Lauver 'ou: back row: Matthew Goss 'oz. Jeanne Mielke 'oz Goss, Matthew Lowe 'oz, Ellyn Boop 'o4 Ross, Tina Pontius 'oo, Nick, Pamela Heim 'o8, Sarah Wise 'o4 Englehart studies for the Shikellamy School District.
- 8 Christina Grove 'o6 and Bill Furman 'o6 were married on March 29 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Hershey, Pa. A reception followed at the Sheraton Pat Abello '04, Joe Luscik '05, Diane Flook '06, Dave Gelber '06, Jen Testa '06, Magali Laitem '06, Maria Wing '06, Lacey Hallowell '06 and Ryan McFadden '07. Christina and Bill honeymooned in St. Lucia before returning to their home in Palmyra, Pa.



G. Edward "Ged" Schwelkert III died June 15 at Geisinger Medical Center in Darrylle, Pa., after an eight-year battle with multiple myeloma, a cancer of the immune system. For 28 years, Ged served Susquehanna with distinction and compassion as associate professor of psychology and the university's first and only head swimming coach. He will be deeply missed as a teacher and friend.

Ged was born Jan. 23, 1943. In Texarkana, Texas, the only son of the late George Edward Schweikert Jr. and Eleanor



ated in 1964 from the College of Wooster with a degree In psychology, While at Wooster, he starred on the men's swimming team and was selected as an All-American in the

Ged came to Susquehanna in 1970 and bullt a legacy as a distinguished teacher, dedicated coach, supportive mentor and valued colleague. The joy he found in work-

committee as well as the Greek recognition board. He will ment of Psychology's honors program.

placed second in the newly formed Landmark Conference

A memorial celebration of Ged's life is tentatively sched-

Pearl "Beatrice" Keeler '20 Woods, March 28, Chagrin Falls, Ohio. She at the age of 16, with a degree in banking and accounting. She was an accountant, placing them on the Historical Registhe Hive: Recipes from the Kitchen of Bee Woods. She studied and practiced health

Edna Olshefsky '32, Shenandoah, Pa., January.

Margaret Ide '33 Maguire, Winona Lake, Ind., April 6. She was an elementary school music teacher in Allentown and Joseph Gano '65.

Lloyd Monroe Swartz '34, Mt. Lebanon, run by his father, Banks L. Swartz, He age of 15, commuting from the family School from 1935 to 1941, and mathemat-1955. From 1955 to 1981, he served as a Pa. In 1957 he was present in the control room of the world's first commercial Pa., when it first achieved criticality and produced full power. He was a brother of Barner S. Swartz '40, and is survived by nieces Lois Swartz '66 Yingling and Linda Swartz '74 MacAskill.

Robert R. Clark 'as. Middletown, Pa., May 16. He was a retired Lutheran tion this year. Upon graduation from

Susquehanna University, he was ordained Pa., married his wife, Kathryn Maize, and accepted a call to the Hartleton Charge, the Port Royal Charge, which included two congregations, from 1943 to 1950 and Trinity Lutheran Church in Mechanicsburg from 1950 to 1955. From 1955 to 1968 he served as editor for the Board was responsible for the Light for Today devotional booklet as well as weekly church bulletins and various other publications. During that time he also served the St. Paul Lutheran Congregation in Bomansville, Pa. From 1968 to 1981 he was the pastor of Christ Casebeer Lutheran Church in Sipesville, Pa. He retired in 1981 and moved to Flemington, Pa. He served on the Board of Directors of Susquehanna University and was interim pastor at active in preaching, leading devotionals, leading bible study and serving on the

archives and his years as editor for the Lutheran church. He is survived by a son. Philip M. Clark '62, daughter, Priscilla Clark '66 Bashore, and granddaughter, Iill Bashore '92.

Horace M. Hutchison '36, Holland, Pa., sor of music at Morrisville High School, where he had been employed for more than 40 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving during World War II from 1942 to 1946. Hutchison was the organist at the Morrisville United Methodist Church for more than 40 years and also played the organ at the Bristol

Presbyterian Church. He was also a member of the Morrisville Rotary Club and received the Paul Harris Award for his service to the Morrisville Rotary Club and to the Rotary Club International. He was the first president of the Bucks County Music Educators Association and also a member of the Bristol Masonic Lodge. He is survived by his sister, Jane Hutchison '41 Kaempfer, nephews David Hutchison '61 and Lawrence Hutchison '78, and great-nephews Justin Hutchison 'o6 and Ian Hutchison '10.

Miriam Miller '39 Pisher-Coryell, Nov. 13. She was a teacher. She is survived by her daughter, Meg Fisher '71.

Paul Ochenrider 'ao. Lancaster, Pa., April 6. He served on the staff of the York Hospital and Columbia Hospital, He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a commanding officer, 1st States Hospital, Taejon, Korea.

Helen Wright '40 Mosebey, Waterfall taught at various high schools and for a time at Hershey Junior College. She taught typing, bookkeeping and shorthand and near the end of her long tenure began the introduction of computers to replace these time-honored skills. She has been inducted into the Forbes Road Teacher Wall of Fame and also has had the honor of the current business classroom being named in her honor. Mosebev '73.

Barner S. Swartz '40, Millerstown Pa., April 10. He learned to play the trumpet in a one-room-school band under the direction of his father, Banks L. Swartz. After receiving his degree, he taught instrumental music in the stown for 37 years. In 1977, he organized the band and affiliated brass choir as

until 2005. He was an active member of Highland United Presbyterian Church, where he was an elder, choir member, choir director and assistant choir director for many years. He was a brother of Lloyd M. Swartz '34 and is survived by his daughters, losi Swartz '66 Yingling and Linda Swartz '74 MacAskill, and a Son-in-law, William Yingling '67.

George C. Stow '48, Pensacola, Fla, june 3. He served in World War II as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army. He enjoyed a 37-year career with Moneanto, retiring in 1991. He was the developer of a number of innovative products at Monsanto and over the years was mentor and guide for many younger scientists who, because of his guidance and personal interest in them, went on to distinguished positions in the chemical industry.

Ray Fleming '50, Las Cruces, N.M., March i. S. He wai carfied into the U.S. Army in 1945 and served in World War II. Later he enlisted in the Pennsylvania National Guard and served two tours of duty during the Korean War. In 1958 he moved to Albuquerque, N.M., where he worked for first of the Committee of the U.S. Pearls Couries.

Bachsan Watkins '50 Clark, Madeira Baach, Fla., Dec. 21. She held a master's degree from Southern Connectiont State University. Although she retired in 1991 after having taught physical education in the Watertown Public Schools for 21 years, she continued to serve for eight more years as a substitute teacher at Watertown High.

Glen B. Smith '96, Sellnsgrove, Pa, March 26. He was a longitime resident of Dickinson, Texas, and more recently of Selinsgrove. He earned his medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine in 1960 and completed his internsibility at Germantown Hospital in Internsibility at Germantown Hospital in Philadelphia. He then pioned the U.S. Public Health Service, where he served as the general medical officer in the Division of Indian Health in Colorado and Montana. He also served as medical officer in Charge of the Corow Indian Hospital and

associated clinics in Crow Agency, Mont. He was service unit director at Flathead Indian Reservation, St. Ignatius, Mont., in 1964. He completed his residency in internal medicine at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in Seattle, Wash., in 1967.

Smith served as deputy chief of internal medicine at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in Galveston from 1968 to 1970. He presented several scientific papers at rastional conferences in the 1960s. In 1970, he entered into private practice in internal medicine. That same year he was samed a member of the Outstanding Young Men of America. Smith was a clinical instructor in medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston from 1968 until 1970. In 1973 and 1973, he was named to "Who's Who' in Texas. He served as chief of staff at Clear Lake Hospital in Webster, Texas, in 1977. He was the medical director of respiratory therapy technology at Alvin Community College in Alvin, Texas, from 1978 howelve 1888.

Lee Roger Conrad '61, Atascadero, Calif., and formerly of Sunbury and New Cumberland, Pa., May 19. He retired from DuPont, Emigsville, as a development chemist. He is survived by his wife, Caroline Shryrock '60, Conrad.

Philip Pemberton '63, Brooklyn, N.Y., March 28.

F. David Pennypacker '65, Milledgeville, Ga., May 31.

Richard Rhoades '65, Naples, Fla., March 26. He worked for PNB National Bank in Philadelphia and then Provident National, now PNC, from which he retired after 25 years as senior vice president.

Marjorie Mack '67 Pearson, Brick, N.J., Feb. 28. She was an elementary school teacher at Emma Havens Young School from 1968 to 2000, where she was named Teacher of the Year in 2000.

Gary Bittinger '68, Dauphin, Pa., April 29. For 34 years, he worked for the Liquor Control Board, retiring as an administrator with store operations. He was also a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a coach for baseball, soccer and basketball in the Danphin Athletic Association while his sons were participants.

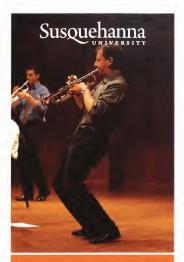
John Ruhl '71, Lewisburg, Pa., Feb. 14. He operated Lewisburg Family Dental Practice in Lewisburg, where he was a dentist and an oral surgeon. He is survived by his parents, William '49 and Bessie Bathgate '48 Ruhl.

Michael Oakes '72, Marietta, Ga.,

Carey Sheaffer 'y4, Shamokin Dam, Pa, Peb, 5, He enlisted in the US. Army and served in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in 1969 at the rank of sergeant. He continued to serve in the Army Reserve—Inactive until 1972. He worked at First National Trust Bank in Sunbury, later known as Susquehanna Bank, for more than 27 years and was a vice president in charge of human resources. At the time of his death, he was the human resource director for The Daily Hem newspaper in Sunbury. He is survived by his wife,

Karl Kaffine '81, Wellsboro, Pa., April 15. He was an accomplished nurse, holding positions in psychiatry, cardiac care, intensive care and emergency care in Bethlehem, Easton, Reading and Wellsboro, Pa., as well as Rawlings, Myo. and Portland, Maine. He was most recently employed as a nurse at Tioga County Prison in Wellsboro.

Sherrie Breeden '89 Busel, Neshanic Station, NJ., April 30. She was an on-site coordinator for Lucent Technology in Warren. Previously she worked at the Franciscan Oaks Health Center in Denville, and before that she was a procurement specialist for the Nabisco Corporation of East Hanover. Sherrie was a member of the PTA at the Katherine D. Malone Elementary School in Rockaway Township, where she had heave a first grade, dissercom prother.



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Susquehanna Commission to Jes to herald the university's sesquicenter hial by counting down the top 150 people, places, organizations and events in the university history, as determined by Professor Emeritus of History Don Housley. He is author of Susquehanna University, 1858-2000: A Goodly Heritage, which is available for purchase through the alumni office.

25. Luther Grossman '16, Athletic Director, 1921-25, 1926-1935-While still a student at SU. Luther Grossman served as a prototypical athletic manager. He then served twice in this capacity, each time devoting activity for all students through enlarged athletic fields and extended intramural sports. He also initiated the modern Alumni Association as its director in the early 1930s. In was summarily dismissed from

Initially it had three recitation first floor, rooms for the Theorooms for the collection of 5.000 books on the second floor. eties and rooms for students on the third floor. Later it became a a snack bar, social rooms and post office on the first floor and dorm rooms for first-year men above. In November of 1964 it burned down.

85 feet in size, three stories high.



1895-1964. The second building Hall. It was a dark, gothic. brick-faced structure, 55 feet by

23. Susquehanna Female College, 1848-1872, Launched in 1858 with the all-male Missionary Institute, the Susquehanna Female College fulfilled a desire by Selinsgrove's boosters to It was completely separate except for specific individuals each. The building was located at the corner of North Market downtown Selinsgrove. The school had several proprietors until it was closed in 1872 and

some of its students entered then became coeducational.

22 . Russell Galt, Academic and Social Dean, 1938-1959. The first Galt tightened academic standards at SU, supervised special programming during World War II, monitored the difficult transition to peace thereafter and implemented academic reforms as recommended by the Middle States Association 1950. Galt was stricken with the cancer that caused his death a few months later

21. Motet Choir. The Motet Choir was begun in 1933 by the music conservatory. In the its polyphonic sound, performing over the Columbia NBC affiliate; at the Brooklyn Academy of Music and the Peabody Institute in Baltimore: before regional meetings of Rotary International: at the eleventh Biennial Convention of the United Lutheran State University Choir in the national "Choral Quest" contest sponsored by the Columbia Broadcasting Co. Over eighteen singing in any one season. In 1940, it was disbanded.

20. Homer W. "Skip" Wieder, Vice President, Director of Development, 1968-1984. Beginning at the college in 1968, Skip Wieder was the first director of



development. He initiated programs and activities benefiting migrant children, the continuing education program and a families in Snyder County. He also led the transformation of the SU Fund, launched two capital campaions and laid the of Charles Degenstein.

19. Jonathan Rose Dimm, President, 1805-00. The brotherin-law of President Peter Born. Dimm came to the Missionary Institute in 1881 to be principal He oversaw its expansion and diversification in the 1880s and early 1800s. Dimm was the ing the Missionary Institute into Susquehanna University, serving as its second president the faculty, retiring in 1906, the by Andrew Carnegie.

18. Charles Aikens, Student, 1881-81, President, 1905-1927. Aikens was known for his "business sagacity." As president, he



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### 17. Franklin Manhart.

President, 1804-05, Seminary

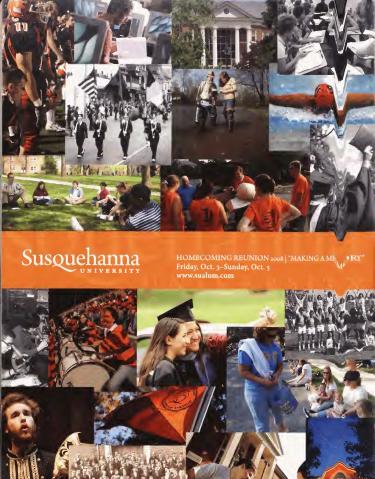
is John Woodroff '88. Faculty. initiated football at SU in 1802.

1.4. Steele Hall, 1912-. Built labs, the first floor had a large

12. Sefbert Hall, 1002- The with dormitory rooms, class-



11. Ionathan Messerli, President, 1977-1984. Becoming president when Susquehanna had consistently high deficits and President Messerli faced many challenges. Although not always brought Susquehanna through rough times and prepared the way for the prosperity the college enjoyed in the last decades



## End Notes leaching and Learning in Post-Soviet Russia By Randy Hines

reflections from the experience

this summer. I was to tour a major newspaper. magazine and book publishing headquarters in Barnaul, a southern Siberian city of 700,000. It was set for Thursday. As I had been finding out, however, to 10:30 Wednesday morning.

would send me via e-mail several other questions it wanted me to discuss.

classes at Susquehanna, Russian is not an easy language. Its

alphabet has 33 characters. Many letters are foreign to Americans, A "P" is the "R," for example. An

about a foreign-language newspaper? Quality news-The front page was sharp with three skyboxes featurdominated area in the bottom corner of the page. To my pleasant surprise, many nodded in agreement.

Sharp color photographs were large throughout the 32-page tabloid. Good cropping eliminated

One editor asked about freedom of U.S. newspapers to write negative things about their government. government still controls quite a bit of news content.

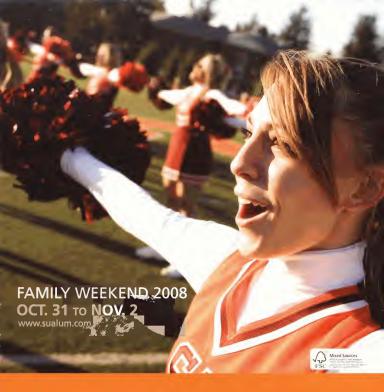
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ing when I entered the classroom for the first time.

resources. The department had only one projecpresentations were left behind for later use when it's

week incident brought me down to earth. I was told (that morning) I would be speaking at a ribbon-cutaudience. I gave my speech to about 12 journalists







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## This Thing Called Writing

The art and process of writing is explored in this engaging—
and sometimes comic—look at the world of writers



## How Safe Are Your Medical Records?

Could a determined individual walk into a hospital and steal medical information by tapping into the institution's wireless network? The answer is revealed in this alarming look at the security of health-care records.



## The First Word

By L. Jay Lemons, President



President L. Jay Lecopos

WELCOME TO ANOTHER ISSUE of Susquehanna Currents, our newly named and redesigned magazine. Within its pages, you will learn more about the great work of our faculty and students, and the achievements of our alumni.

Our cover story examines the issue of alternative energy through the eyes of three alturnit who are embracing new energy sources in their businesses. Two of them, husband-and-wife team Richard "Ric" Reaman '99 and Kathy Kovatch '99 Reaman, will see one of the largest older energy fields on the Bast Coast built on their family's property in Nesquehoning, Pa. The thlad, Gunther J. Weisbrich '74, has developed an innovative wind turbine that could become the wind energy solution of the future. In a related story found in The Grove section, you will read about a new class, taught by Assistant Porfessor of Earth and Environmental Sciences Derek Straub, that examines sustainable energy resources.

Our second feature article looks at the disturbing question of whether our medical records are safe. The answer in some cases may be no, according to research performed by Shana Dardau, assistant professor of information systems at Susquehanna, and Eric Smith, assistant director for information security and networking at Bucknell University. Two 2008 SUI geaduatts, Tom Thayer and Joe Leader, assisted with the research when they were undergraduates. Dardan and Smith lapped into a hospital swireless network to reveal its vulnerabilities and help the hospital improve its security measures.

Our third feature article explores with our creative writing faculty the art and process of writing. The story underscores the faculty's deep commitment to both their chosen art and their teaching.

Within these pages you'll also find profiles of our five alumni award winners—Jim App '65, Signe Gates '71, Kathi Stime '76 Flack, Virginia 'Ginny'' Lloyd '81 and Michelle "Chelle" McIntyre '01 Brewer. News on the

groundbreaking for our new science building and a special time capsule ceremony held during Homecoming Reunion Weekend is also included in this issue.

Numerous stories about the academic endeavors and travels of our students and facdity, along with news about some of the special guests we welcomed to campus this fall, are contained in The Grove and People & Piaces sections. The Scoreboard section recaps some of the highlights of the fall athletics season, including SU's heart-stopping football victory during Homecoming Reunion Weekend. The mark the monumental occasion of our sesqui-centennial Homecoming Reunion Weekend, the magazine includes a special photo essay highlighting events from this wonderful three-day events.

In End Notes, Associate Professor of English and Jewish Studies Laurence Roth examines liberal arts education in the 21st century. This Issue also unveils Emeritus Professor of History Donald Housley's final to picks in the Susquehanna 150 series. Our gratitude goes out to Don for researching the

iso most influential people, events and developments in Susquehanna's history. This comorehensive list has examined the ups and downs of Susquehanna University through the years and revealed the fortitude that makes this institution great. Where we find ourselves today is truly something to celebrate.

Finally, you will read about the passing of our dear friend and loyal supporter, Terry March '67, founder and CEO of Mid-

'Securities and former chair of Susquehanna University's Board of Trustees. On Oct. 26, just 10 days



The ceremonial paddle given to John Strangfeld '75 upon being named chair of Susquehanna University Board of Trustees.

### Letters from the Susquehanna Community



The inaugural issue of Susquehanna Currents magazine

Bravo on the great New LOOK. This magazine is the best ever. The story by the lady who was walking across the railroad bridge reminds me of my roommate, who, freshman year in 1969, was also walking across this bridge. Unfortunately, a train did come at that time, and he had to jump down off the bridge to the catwalk, losing his business law book to the Susquehanna River in the process.

I was greatly impressed with the article on John Strangfeld. As he graduated in 1975, he would have been there in 1973 when I graduated. His reasons for going to Susquehanna parallel my own exactly, and while he has achieved much more at 54 than I have at 56, the basics are still true.

Theresa Palmer was obviously in my class, and I never knew she was the first black woman to graduate from Susquehanna. I have learned something valuable about another classmate.

Regarding the quantum information theory article, WOW! I have read about the Perimeter Institute in many books on physics, and I can assure you it is a cutting-edge place for the study of physics, quantum theory and much of the modern-day work in physics. Quantum Information Theory is indeed the cutting edge, and I salute Susquehanna for running this summer program for undergraduates. This stuff is often reserved for the graduate level.

I can also tell you that, in nuclear power training, having baby boomers, millennials and generation Xers all within the same training classes is a challenge we have to meet as we train our next generation of nuclear plant operators. We have a mix of all three and imagine the instructor's job trying to keep all these diverse backgrounds motivated.

All in all, this tells me that Susquehanna is, in fact, keeping on the cutting edge in business and science. One caution: Do not let the enrollment grow so much that you end up like the big schools. The small-school feel and uniqueness is why people like Mr. Strangfeld, myself and many others picked SU in the first place.

Bravo Zulu as we say in naval nuclear power. Keep up the good work.

- Dennis Mosebey '73

Letters to the Editor Policy

Susquehanna Currents welcomes letters from readers about material appearing in the publication or issues affecting the university. Letters received by June 1 will appear in the Summer Issue, by Feb. 1 in the Spring Issue, and by Sept. 1 in the Fall Issue. Please limit letters to no more than 400 words. We reserve the right to edit letters for reasons including length, accuracy, clarity or civility. If unable to publish all letters received, we will strive to present the views of as many different writers as possible. The magazine cannot publish repeated letters from the same individual on the same subject. Please sign your letter and include a phone number for verification. Address the letter and envelope to Editor, Susquehanna Currents, 514 University Avenue, Selinsgrove, PA 17870-1164. You can also send your letters via fax at 570-372-4048 or e-mail at sucurrents@susqu.edu.

before his death on Nov. 6, Terry passed the Board's "traditional paddle" to his colleague and friend John Strangfeld '75, CEO and chairman of the board of Prudential Financial Inc. The paddle is a tradition that was begun by former chair Sam Ross and has been carried forward since that time in substitution for the more conventional gavel. It symbolizes the university's connection to the Susquehanna River, the need for

the chair to steer the institution and the Board's commitment that we must always reach further.

It is with deep respect and gratitude that I honor Terry for leading this institution to new heights. His foresight and leadership helped move the board and the institution from good to great, to borrow a phrase from author Jim Collins. During his tenure, Terry transformed the way in which the board

governs and in so doing left ... indelible mark on Susquehanna. In honor of all his accomplishments and the Marches' service and generosity, the Board of Trustees conferred honorary degrees to Terry and his wife, Pauline, in July, All in the Susquehanna family owe a debt of gratitude to Terry for his example, his leadership and his love for Susquehanna. He will be remembered fondly. ~



## Harnessing Renewable Energy: SU Alumni on the Cutting Edge

By Bruce E. Beans

Here are two counterintuitive business concepts.

A Texas oil-and-gas man partners with his brother to concoct a wind energy concept so unique that it likely will not only decrease the demand for oil and gas, but also make traditional, large wind turbine propellers obsolete.

A husband and wife join forces with the wife's family business, which depends in part on the good health of the fossil fuel economy, to construct the nation's second-largest solar energy field. The field will be located not in the sunny Southwest, but rather in a narrow, mountainous valley in eastern Pennsylvania's embattled anthractic coal resion.

Behind both improbable projects, which share the goal of improving the nation's alternative energy supply, are Susquehanna University alumni. The Texas oil man trying to lasso the wind—and even the water—with a revolutionary new kind of turbine is Dallas resident Guather J. Weisbrich, "74, a geology major whose Wind Ampilified Rotator Platforms" (WARP) technology is attracting interest in Burope, India, China and South Africa.

Closer to Susquehanna, business school graduates Richard "Ric" Reaman 193 and his wife, Kathy Kovatch 193 Reaman, are involved in the efforts of her family's business, the Kovatch Organization, to lease more than 100 acres for a massive solar energy field just outside Kovatch's headouarters in Nesouehonine. Pa.

"I think Susquehanna always was very forward thinking, encouraging all of us to think outside the box," says Kathy, as she and her husband survey the solar energy site, a former coal mining refuse dump now cloaked in weeds, scrub oaks and birch tress. Shining brightly on them is an early fall sum—one that would sono be covered by dark clouds.

"Solar energy wouldn't seem to be a natural fit here," she says. Agreeing, Ric, a native of nearly Tamaqua, says, "People ask, "Why have it here? It's not sumry, it snows. But Susquehanna eave us a great perspective. It's not so much thinking about what's here now..."

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By next summer, the hillside is expected to be transformed into the \$65-millior Pennsylvania Solar Park, with 44,640 solar panels mounted in 25-foot-high by 40-foot-wide grids on more than 900 dual-axis trackers following the sun, east to west and at the mos effective angle, throughout the day. The resulting 10.6 megawatts of electricity, a 10-fold increase in Pennsylvania's solar output, will power 1,450 homes. And it will do so withou any of the carbon dioxide emissions associated with coal-fired electric plants. That represents an annual reduction of 10.1 million pounds of released CO2—the equivalent carbon offse of planting trees on 3,5100 acres.

FOUNDED AFTER WORLD WAR II by Kathy's father, John J. "Sonny" Kowatch, the Kowatch Organization is one of the country's largest manufacturers of custom-builf free trucks and other fire apparatus. Its other business lines—making and selling fuel tanker trucks for millitary and civilian use, truck fleet sales, and several Nesque-honing auto and truck dealerships—also depend, ultimately, on fossif toels. But the solar park is the latest chapter in the Kovatch family's efforts to keep the apily named Carbon County at the forefront of generor moduction.

In the early 1990s, about the same time the Reamans met while juniors at Susquehanna, the Panther Creek Energy Project, an electric generating plant fired by anthractic coal refuse, began operating a half-mile west of the planned solar energy is the Like the solar site, it too is situated on some of the 6,000 acres Kathy's father purchased from the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co. Detween the early 1960s and 1990. Dating back to the early 1800s, that company's legacy included tons of black, dusty culm—the coal mining waste now firing the clean-burning coal technology power plant. As the plant cleared culm off area hillsides, including where the solar field will be established, a tributary of the



Kathy Kovatch '93 Reaman and Richard "Ric" Reaman '93 at the future site of the nation's second-largest solar energy field, being constructed on the Kovatch Organization's property outside Nesquehoning, Pa.

nearby Lehigh River that locals once dubbed "Black Creek" began running clear. Now Nesquehoning Creek, which flows near the home in which the Reamans live with their three young daughters, is a state-designated "exceptional value" creame of deap what the trips in it.

"The coal industry really left its mark on Carbon County," says Kathy, who majored in business administration with an operations management emphasis and earned her Ma.A. from Moravian College. Now the human resources systems administrator for Kovatch, which employs 800 people, she adds, "Becoming a leader in alternative energy and bringing solar energy to the county, which was always based on coal, is an excitting change." The facility's control center also will function as an education center for both students

"We do get a significant amount of sunlight in Pennsylvania—about 1,600 hours annually, slightly less than New Jersey," says John F. Curtis III, president and CEO of Green Energy Capital Partners LLC, the Conshohochen, Pa., developers of the solar project. He was attracted to the project by the 30-to 50-year lease with Kovatch: ready access to 50-year lease with Kovatch: ready access to wo utility power grids; the recent passage of a state bill establishing a siefs million renewable energy fund, which Curtis believes makes Pennsylvania the second most friendly renewable energy state; and the recent extension of federal renewable energy tax credits.

"This will be the premier solar project in the country," boasts Curtis. 
"It's only the second in the country to use dual-axis trackers, and it's five times larger than the first one in California."

Ric, the Kowatch Organization's vice president and chief financial officer, who majored in both accounting and business administration, thinks this could be just the beginning. If the Project succeeds, he believes the company would quickly lease another too-plus acres for a second solar field. He's also exploring wind energy possibilities.

"It's exciting to be on the ground floor of something that will benefit our children and grandchildren," he says. "With the impact that oil has on our economy, there are a lot of benefits in being able to have



An example of what a solar energy field looks like once built.

such an alternative energy source available for the future. And this is the first of many of these things we'll see coming on line. Fifteen to 20 years from now, people will be saying, 'Oil? What's that stuff?'

'I'M A FIRM BELIEVER that we are transitioning from a petroleum society to a new renewable energy society," says Gunther Weisbrich, the '74 graduate now living in Dallas. "It's going to take a coupl decades, but clearly we need to go there for a variety of reasons.

"Politically and economically, why send all this phenomenal distribution of wealth (in fuel revenues) from this country overseas? And while I don't agree that global warming is exclusively manmade, we can all agree a great deal of pollution is associated with hydrocarbons."

Weisbrich, who earned a master's degree in geology and geophysics from Boston College, is a radiional oil-and-gas exploration geologist. His company, Midnight Oil, explores for oil and gas and advises investors on such projects. En years ago, however, he and his brother, Alfred, teamed up to form two related companies to promote Alfreds WARP's concept.

The Weisbrich brothers, who emigrated with their parents from West Germany in the late 1950s, grew up in Tarrytown, N.Y. Alfred, who is six years older, earned a degree in aeronautical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy, N.Y. Gunther attended Susquehanna, where, he says, "In geology we were always taught to look at things differently. There are always different ways to interpret data, and, therefore, different naswers—some better than others—come about."

That's the way he and his brother view extracting energy from the wind. Alfred

first thought of the idea during the Arab oil embargo of 1973-74. He then was a astronaut Michael Collins, the director of the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum. He began thinking I there had to be a better way to harness the wind than with large propellers. That belief Technologies in the development of wind blades measuring 250 feet in diameter.

1004. He knew that, despite their growing size, traditional turbines were only taking advantage of existing wind speeds to generate electricity, "To date, the whole industry has always concentrated on [increasing] the diameter of the blade," says Gunther. "But we knew from the power equation that power is proportional to diameter squared and wind velocity cubed; in other words, that diameter is a squared cubic function. So we concentrated on what we could do to enhance the wind velocity.



A WARP Wind Power System envisioned as an almort control tower

and that ultimately resulted in the WARP design. Once you amplify the wind flow, you can use all kinds of conventional recovery devices, of which propellers are still the best."

So instead of using a single massive propeller blade, which today can exceed 400 feet in diameter, the concept incorporates numerous propellers of much smaller diameters-6, 10 or 20 feet. To turn the

propellers, the Weisbrichs take a page from nature. Maximum wind speeds across a mountain occur along saddles, ridges, notches or in canyons, where the wind volume is concentrated as it whips through a narrow opening. It's similar, says Gunther, to what occurs when you turn a corner amidst tall buildings on a windy day, or

on the "waists" of the modules, where the force of the wind is both amplified and smoothed out by the modules' wider "hips." The result: wind speeds amplified by so to

generate an energy factor of 125.

With a WARP tower, however, amplifying the 5 mph wind speed by 80 percent creates a 9 mph wind-cubed that's an increase in energy generation, "Right off the bat, you can see how much more power you get from increasing the wind speed," says Gunther. In addition, he notes that wind speeds are greater at higher altitudes, "We can build our systems very tall-300, 500. 800 or even a thousand feet tall," he says. "That's where the wind is, but conventional turbines can't be built that tall"

And because each module's paired propeller turbines are mounted like lazy Susans and automatically face into the prevailing wind, they can take maximum advantage of prevailing winds, even as Traditional large-blade turbines face in

about a quarter of the acreage of traditional according to the younger Weisbrich, for about \$600 to \$800 per kilowatt-less watt cost of large-bladed turbines.

Potential WARP towers can be built on land; atop buildings; atop already existing and transmit electricity; at sea, where wind velocities are greatest; both afloat and atop

decommissioned oil rigs; and in rivers or at sea with modules both above and below the water "The physics behind it allows this kind. of technology to operate in any fluid flow, wind or water," says Gunther. According to his brother, Alfred. WARP skin panels can incorporate photovoltaic solar



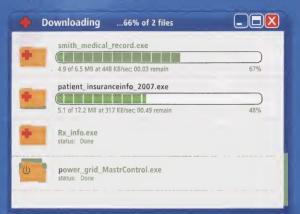
Gunther J. Weisbrich '74 poses with a model of the WARP Wind Power System.

cells to generate solar energy as well. So far the concept has been proven in a wind tunnel test atop the Catskill Mountains and in Belgium and France. where two-module WARP towers are powering two industrial buildings.

Conventional turbines currently can generate a maximum 4.5 or 5 megawatts (each megawatt powers 700 homes), "We can build our systems to generate seven. 10 or 15 megawatts from just one tower, so why build a 300-foot-diameter blade when you can get the same energy from a bunch of 20-foot-diameter blades?" asks Gunther. "Our idea is to make large-bladed turbines obsolete. They are great engineering feats. but they are dinosaurs. We're confident the timing is perfect. We just happen to have a better mousetrap."

Among those interested in that better mousetrap is Ric. After reviewing the Weisbrichs' Web site, he says, "I want to talk to Gunther. I like the compactness of their design and the increase in efficiency."

He can envision WARP towers studding the ridges of Broad Mountain and Nesquehoning Mountain, propellers spinning madly while thousands of solar panels soak up the sun. It's a vision for 21st century energy ushered in by Susquehanna King Coal. --





## How\_Safe\_Are\_Your\_Medical Records?

University students, we decided to test our theory that a determined individual could walk into a hospital and steal medical information by simply tapping into the institution's wireless network. Within several hours of embarking

of our nation's medical records system. In the process, we also created an experience for two students that far

ONLY A FEW SHORT DECADES after the introduction of the personal computer, we are now fully engaged in the digital era. Digitized information is ubiquitous and necessary for global business. Integral to increasing health care standards and meeting the needs of an aging boomer generation, hospitals are using digital medical records. Many are actively joining the National Health Information Network, a federally funded project to support the creation of personal electronic health records that can follow consumers anywhere. Indeed, the use and availability of digital medical records are expected to vastly decrease the cost of preventable medical errors and the number of deaths due to those errors.

But the very nature of digital medical records and the use of networks make the theft of information much easier. How easy? Our experiment showed that a techsavvy individual can steal patient medical records even from a hospital that has a highly reputable security staff and is HIPAA compliant. Hospitals and patients seem to use HIPAA-a federal law that among other things ensures the security and privacy of health data-as the bar, or standard, for whether their information is adequately protected. Yet the technical requirements for information security as outlined in HIPAA are less than a page long, outdated and ambiguous. Add to this the reality that the fundamental requirement of IT in a hospital setting is the availability of information-not the security of said information-and you have substantial room for possible network vulnerabilities.

But why would someone steal medical records? Who could possibly care about someone's twisted ankle or ingrown toenail? Actually, medical identity theft and insurance fraud are the current flavor of choice for organized crime. The reason: risk of being caught is lower than for financial identity theft or cocaine trafficking



(which is what organized crime switched from when moving into health-secords theft), and the risk of imprisonment is even lower.

In addition to the lowered risks, the monetary gain can be enormous. Malcolm Sparrow, a Harvard University professor who has written extensively on the topic, estimates health care costs-between \$120 billion and \$500 billion per year. Most people are aware of fraud associated with doublea specific part of the network. Within an hour, we were able to break into more sensitive areas of the hospital, and within several hours we had complete access to every aspect of the medical record to run tests on, we verified that we could have taken more than 3 million medical records and could have

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billing, or padding. But a growing aspect of fraud is medical identity theft. Lack of health insurance, although a motivator, is not the biggest reason that people purchase medical identities. Fears that future employment, life insurance, or even health insurance could be affected by mental or physimarket so that they can get care without those illnesses showing up on their records.

NEARLY A YEAR AGO, protected by a legal umbrella arranged by the general counsels of Susquehanna and Bucknell and an intellectual property rights and contracts lawyer, we began plotting our experiment. We deliberately selected a hospital that has a strong IT security staff and is HIPAA compliant. The hospital we worked with remains nameless for security reasons; but on completion of the security assessment, we gave it a more than 6,000-page report on its network and the vulnerabilities we found.

We chose two students from Susquehanna University to join us for part of the research-Tom Thaver and Ioe Leader, both '08 graduates. Liability and sensitivity to the hospital prevented us from allowing them to join fully. We planned a multivector attack using ARP spoofing, packet stripping (see glossary) and specialized knowledge in wireless network attacks, the initial plan was to attack the hospital's wireless network.

We began, however, with an assessment of the Apfelbaum we would be using. Mark Huber, the CIO (chief information officer) at Susquehanna, graciously allowed us to "muck about" on the network and use it as a teaching tool

Several weeks later, we moved on to the hospital. As part of our agreement with the hospital, we tested a specific segment of the wired network. That is, we were given access to

The control of the power grid was, perhaps, the most disconcerting part of the assessment. By changing a password so that only we could speak to it, and then following with a command to turn it to "off," we could have disabled the hospital. This went far past our initial goal of stealing medical records or medical identity theft, and perhaps right into a



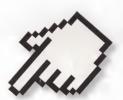
Eric Smith, assistant director for information security and networking at Bucknell University, and Shana Dardan, assistant professor of information systems, in the server room at Susquehanna University.

The findings on the hospital assessment were presented at DefCon this summer, DefCon is perhaps the most respected underground IT security conference. We were heartened to speak to executives and security people in the health care industry and government policymakers. It is our goal and hope that the security tenets of HIPAA are strengthened and that those in positions to influence policies and the general

transmission of medical records will take heed of vulnerable our information is. In the meantime, we are pleased to say that Thaver and Leader both took it upon themselves to hunt down Internet-facing vulnerabilities in government and corporate Web sites and to write letters to the respective CIOs. ~

Shana Dardan is assistant professor of information systems at Susquehanna University

Eric Smith is assistant director for information security and networking at Bucknell University



GLOSSARY



# This Thing Called By Larry Gaffney

WITHOUT A HINT OF ARROGANCE, and with quiet conviction. Gary Fincke, director of SU's creative writing program, recently told a visitor, "I truly believe that we have one of the finest undergraduate creative writing programs in the country."

It's a lofty claim, something a program director should believe. In this case, others have said the same thing about Susquehanna's program. And it's clearly a claim made by directors of other creative writing programs.

The fact is that creative writing programs are proliferating, and Susquehanna is among a growing number of colleges. including Brown, Johns Hopkins, Oberlin and Carnegie Mellon, that are achieving national recognition for their undergraduate creative writing programs and the students they turn out.

If one takes the long view, creative writing programs are a relatively new phenomenon. Although they often take different approaches to teaching the skill of writing, they share the conviction that writing can be taught. One way these programs do that is by teaching students how to talk about their own work and how to critique the work of others, including their fellow students.



about their work, and just as often about themselves. Salinger and Pynchon Academy Awards), your average writer the solitary nature of the work. In the writer's study, there is no Dilbert in

a good thing. Lillian Hellman once said, I would say don't listen to writers talk way shunned any discourse regarding



writers, giving them encouragement, takes. For every autodidact like Vidal. late Raymond Carver, who said he felt



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several hours a day demonstrating the

he wanted to create primary sources rather than study them, he turned to writing poems and short stories. Fincke became inspired by the works of blue-collar poets such as Philip Levine and lames Wright, "It was exciting to find out that the things I knew could be translated onto the page." His quiet manner is an indication of admitted shyness when it comes to analyzing his own writing, and he appreciates the difficulties facing young writers who may be unsure of their talent. "I believe it's important to pay attention to students as individuals," he says, and as director of the program, he has made sure that all students get close readings of their work and one-on-one conferences with their professors.

Retief, a native of South Africa, brings a cosmopolitan flavor to the program, having lived in Capetown, London, New York City, Miami and Madrid. Before becoming a professor. he was an instructor of homeless HIVpositive substance abusers, a needleexchange advocate and a teacher of high school students with learning disabilities. In his work he has followed the dictates of his heart, and he continues to do so in the classroom, helping his students to find the "emotional subtext beneath every story."

Not all writers are such pleasant people, William H. Gass freely acknowledged his dubious motivation for writing: "I write because I hate. A lot, Hard," Sniping may be the most popular sport among writers, "Henry

What else might one expect in a profession often dominated by enormous egos? Presuming other people will avidly follow your words, ideas and visions-and pay good money for that privilege-is indeed an act of heroic presumption. In a workshop, one can almost hear the egos quietly humming. Walter Tevis, author of The Hustler, once told students on the first day of his workshop, "There will be no barracudas in here." But, of course, there were,

Not so in the workshops at Susquehanna, To a visitor, the writers here seem sincerely, genuinely nice, Certainly, they will be critical when it is required. The standards for the program are rigorous, and 2008 graduates have received scholarships to Iowa's Writing Workshop and Columbia University's Publishing Program. Recent graduates are also enjoying the sweet success of publishing. Two are Catherine Pierce 'oo and Jay Varner 'o3. Pierce's book of poetry. Famous Last Words, was the winner of the 2007 Saturnalia Book Prize, and Varner will see his memoir. Burn, published by Algonquin Press early next year.

Alumni success is a testament to the program's teaching approach, which encourages students to compete with each other but also offers them close professional guidance. Students are coached and encouraged at every turn, given the opportunity to show their stuff at the approximately 20 readings per year and in three student-run literary magazines. Competition to publish is fierce, success never assured, "I know what it's like to have that burning desire for publication," says Bailey, "Before I got my first novel accepted. I couldn't go into a Barnes & Noble without feeling physically sick." So he exhorts his students to write every day, to follow a schedule, to keep a word and page count. "If I didn't write every day," he says, "I wouldn't know who I am,"

It's a safe bet that the creative writing students at Susquehanna are getting a good sense not only of who they are, but of what they can achieve. ~

Larry Gaffney is a local writer of fiction and

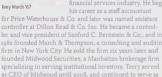
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## FRRY L. MARCH '67

Terry March '67, former chair of the Susquehanna University Board of Trustees and a tireless volunteer, friend and supporter of the university, passed away Nov. 6. He joined the board in 1990 as a representative of the Alumni Association

and continued to serve as a trustee until his death. He was elected vice from 2003 until October 2008.

Terry was born Feb. 1, 1945 in Newport, Pa. It was in Newport.



National Committee on Annual Giving, and he was major versity's Alumni Achievement Award in 1998. He also served

During his years of service on Susquehanna's board, Terry the board into a national model of governance. He fervently believed that if friends worked together, they could achieve

fessor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Chait, who has worked with well over 100 colleges and universities. with the Susquehanna board was among the most satisfying,

Terry was the one who guided the process," Chait says, in the past. He wasn't defensive; he was experimental. And he

the professional development of Susquehanna's accounting honors supporters who have given a cumulative total of \$1

try Association's institutional brokerage committee and was Southampton Hospital, He also served as a member of the Liberty Leads Advisory Board,

Terry's legacy is great and his imprint on the Susquehanna the entire March family. May God bless and comfort them during this time of loss.

## Reflecting on the March Years

President L. Jay Lemons sat down with former Board Chair Terry March shortly before his death to discuss March's connection to Susquehanna and his years of service to the college. Following are excerpts from the conversation.

Lemons: Many people graduate from college and never return. Others remain occasional friends, and then a few develop a deep, abiding sense of connection to their alma mater and devote many hours to serving and supporting it. Why did you end up in the latter group of the deeple devoted?

March: As many people at this point have heard me say, Susquehanna was the single most important transitional phase in my life. In the scheme of things, I would not be where I am today nor having this conversation if I had not attended Susquehanna and achieved the benefits that I received by beine educated there.

Certainly, the academic side should not be overlooked because I was educated as an accountant, and Susquehanna, directly or indirectly, provided me with my first opportunity to have a Certified Public Accounting career or Independent Public Accounting experience with a large national accounting firm.

Lemons: You've seen a lot of change in Susquehanna going back to the fall of 1963. What are the most important changes, from your perspective?

March: Overall, I think one of the most important changes I've seen from the time I was on campus is the extent to which the university has become all about the students. I'm sure that's changed on many campuses across the country, and I think it was done somewhat out of necessity to be believe it was something that

ation, leadership and faculty felt was important as part of the education process—the close contact with the students, not only in the classroom, but

mortar. What we have done in all of those years is develop one of the most beautiful campuses, I'm sure, in the entire country. And that's not just my opinion. It's pointed out to us by students and parents who visit the campus, and it's one of the reasons why they put Susquehanna high on their list of places they would consider attending. to build on all of that, and to continue to involve our students once they leave our campus. And I think if we stay the course and build on our successes, then we will continue to be successful and competitive.

Lemons: I want to pick up on a theme that you mentioned engaging our alumni. You've heard me say we want people to choose Susquehanna not for four years, but for a lifetime. I'd really love to hear your thoughts about how other alumni can be involved, and what the potential impact might be on their lives and their own careers.

March: I recognize there are periods in everyone's lives when there is little time available for anything except getting married and adapting to that, raising a family and all that goes with that, and making your way in whatever life's occupation you choose. Some people, I understand, are more willing to make time available and take from those three areas, in particular. Others are less willing. With that understanding. I think it's incumbent upon 'busquehanna to reach out with opportunities on how to be involved, whether through programs where our alumnil live, connections that make a difference in their lives, visits to the campus, opportunities to network or for education, or just plain old fun.

Lemons: Turning to the Board of Trustees, how different is the board that you serve on today from the one you joined in 1990?

March: I think the board is throwing itself into achieving the mission of Susquehanna in the way that's been drawn up and laid out by the strategic plan. They totally endorse the concept that the student is everything, or "fit's all about the student," as we like to say. That's a great starting point.

Lemons: In 2003, you convened a group to take a fresh look at governance. Can you talk a little bit about what led you to believe that was an important thing to do? What was the motivation behind if?

March: Over a period of 15 years, the board had changed little in the way it had operated, but I realized there might be an opportunity to take a step back and take a look at ourselves and see if we could become a truly great board, recognizing that we already had a good one.

So when I convened a group to take a look at ourselves, the thoughts in my mind were primarily, How can we structure ourselves? How can we think about ourselves and think about Susquehanna in a way that's truly engaging for all the

### Reflecting on the March Years

board members, and brings ultimate benefit to the university and the institution?

Lemons: It was the governance committee that gave rise ultimately to the reputation task force, which ultimately gave rise to this mantra of "It's all about the student," which is really another way of more plainly outlining the core mission that you just mentioned. It's interesting to me how all of that sort of built upon itself.

March: We have always had excellent board leadership. But I think financial strife or lack of the board for several decades.

So, as we transitioned from believe time ultimately became available to take an in-depth look at ourselves

Lemons: Not long after the governance committee was convened, you reached a point of determining that we needed some outside counsel. Dick Chait, a research professor at



Terry and Pauline March at their honorary degree ceremony during the Board of Trustees' annual retreat this summer

10 years ago, who, at this point, are probably a majority of the members of the board. We work as a true team with little or no conflicts, but with healthy dialogue on issues when we feel there are two sides to an issue.

Susquehanna and the chairmanship of the Board of Trustees have been the most meaningful experiences in my life outside of my family. Good vibrations come from seeing a successful institution become more successful and being a very small part of that is what is so gratifying to me.

Lemons: What are the biggest challenges ahead?

March: My greatest concerns for Susquehanna have to do with the ability to continue to provide a terrific, affordable education to those people who feel that Susquehanna is the place for them.

Lemons: As I take stock of your legacy, your finding a way of really enabling a number of different people to step forward and provide leadership is very significant. And I guess I'd like to hear you just reflect a little bit on those board leaders who have really been with you on this iournee.

March: You hit on one of the areas I feel most strongly about, as I step back, and that is the very, very talented leadership that we have on the board. Some have chosen to accept a very high level of responsibility, and with that goes a lot of work that they very diligently and very willingly perform on Susquehanna's behalf. In most cases, many of them are thinking about or doing something with Susquehanna every day of the weet of the order of the susquehanna every day of the weet.

I feel that engaging those people at an early stage in my chairmanship was perhaps the most important thing that I did, because I'm merely one very small cog in one very large chain of wheels and cogs that cause the board to operate the way it does.

Lemons: Are there any closing comments or any questions I failed to ask that you might have wanted to talk about?

March: I think you covered the waterfront very thoroughly. I am saddened in a way, but happy in other ways, that this is the end of my tenure. I hope that everyone feels that the transition process that we have gone through in locating a very, very talented and highly regarded individual to be the next chair, that that process was as open and transparent and as involved as it could be. Other than that, Just wish Susquehanna continued success building on the successes we've already had, and I will continue to help in any regard that I can. Thank you for the opportunity to express myself in this way, Jay.

Lemons: Terry, thank you.

### John Strangfeld Named New Chair of the Board of Trustees



John Strangfeld '75

John Strangfeld '75, the CEO and chairman of the board of Prudential Financial Inc., has been elected chair of Susquehanna University's Board of Trustess. At its Oct. 26 meeting, the board named Strangfeld to succeed Cerry March '67, who held the position for five years and died less than two weeks after the transition.

The board also elected Signe Gates '71 to fill the vice chair vacancy created by Strangfeld's move. Gates is senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of the Barnes Group Inc. of Bristol, Conn.

Strangfeld joined the board in 1999 and later became a vice chair of the executive committee. March was instrumental in bringing Strangfeld into the board's leadership structure when he asked Strangfeld to succeed him as chair of the investment committee. Later, when March began considering a board transition strategy, he was a strong supporter of Strangfeld's succeeding him.

Strangfeld, 54, received an undergraduate degree in business administration from Susquehanna and a Master's of Business Administration from the University of Virginia. He joined Newark, N.J.-based Prudential in 1977, beginning a three-decade career in finance.

Over the years, Strangfeld has held various positions with the company in San Francisco, Minneapolis, New York City and London, where he ran Prudential's European investment operations.

In 2003 he was elected vice chairman of Prudential Financial, a position he held until 2007. In January he was named CEO of the company and in May he became chairman of the board.

Strangfeld is a member of the board of trustees of the Darden School Foundation at the University of Virginia and was active in Jazz at Lincoln Center. He and his wife, Mary Kay, whom he met at Prudential, have a sori, Matt, and a daughter, Kate.

# The 'Grove'

### 0&A

### History Grad Introduces Throngs to Lady Liberty



in New York City.

Brad Rousse '07

Authority and how he became the main force behind building the World Trade Center. This research will incorporate the ports and urban development processes in New York in the immediate postwar period.

DI: How did you come to choose public history as a career? BR: Basically, I've always enjoyed telling stories. I did some writing, performed in school drama clubs and choirs, but I kept coming back to history. One of the topics that started my fascination with history was the sinking of the Titanic. In fact, I talked to a college class about it when I was in fourth grade, as incredible as that may sound! My taste in history has expanded since then, but I still enjoy sharing my joy and knowledge with someone willing to listen. When I found out during my senior year at SU that there was actually a field like this, I knew what I wanted to do with my life.

DI: What's it like giving tours of the Statue of Liberty? BR: Since she's one of our greatest icons, we have people from all over the world coming to see Lady Liberty, A lot of them come for the picture and to climb a staircase closed since 9/11. But when you have people tell you that it's important to see her because "it was either here, or wait to be gassed [in Poland]" or that they could wear under the Statue of Liberty what they could not under the ayatollah, you can see what kind of different connections people make to the same subject.

DI: What connections do you see between study and work?

BR: Plenty! Dr. Imhoof, you made it clear that above all else, everything in

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### **SYLLABUS**

Sustainable Energy Resources

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comprise 85 percent of the world's energy production. According to some scientists, oil production may peak in the near future, resulting in significant increases in the price of oil and other fossil fuels. Straub agrees that fossil fuel resources will one day be depleted and that environmental concerns such as climate change will force us to find alternatives. "My belief is that there will definitely be a transition away from fossil fuels," he says. "It's important to start considering what technologies are to be developed to replace them." Students also study current energy demands and the methods used to accommodate those demands. They examine the pros and cons of sustainable energy solutions such

Weekly three-hour lab sessions allow students to experience those energies firsthand. One lab Susquehanna campus. Other labs examine energy production at a biodiesel plant, the Sunbury Generation power plant, the Bear Creek wind farm, the Susquehanna steam plant and the geothermal

as solar thermal, solar photovoltaic, geothermal, hydro, wave and tidal, biomass and fuel cells.

Coordinating perfectly with campuswide efforts to elevate Susquehanna's energy efficiency, opportunity to examine both global and personal energy use, and to consider how energy consumption and production must adjust and progress as we move further into the 21st century.

"The modern-day lifestyle is very energydriven," says Straub. "Someone somewhere must figure out how to efficiently create all this energy we consume."

### **FORWARD THINKING**

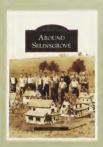
Better Than a Bird's-Eve View of Falconry in the Middle Ages

There is a hawk living somewhere high above campus, and it has recently been seen devouring a few of Susquehanna's fabled squirrels. Part of nature, yes, but not a nice highlight for campus tours. So why would an English professor want to bring more birds of prey to camous?

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the latest Village Co.



#### A View to the Past

Jim Campbell '63 has compiled and written a fourth book in a series of local pictorial histories. The books consist of 230 pictures with informatic captions. All books contain a considerable number of Susquehana University— I related photographs. However, the latest book, Around Selinsgrove, has a special 350th anniversary tribute to SU. An entire chapter, the largest in the book, is devoted to '01d S U's broad campus." The book is available for \$19.99. Half of the purchase price benefits Susquehanna. Books may be purchased by calling the Office of Alumni Relations at \$70-372-4115

### The Science of Soap Bubbles

How do you go from a fascination with soap bubbles to having a hand in research that would guide construction of the Olympic Water Cube in Beijing, or saving broadcasters \$60 million by extending the service life of two communications satellites? You build a really great computer program.

Kenneth Brakke, professor of mathematical science, did just that. Originally used to model soap bubbles, his Surface Evolver program can be used to study virtually any liquidlike surface that is shaped by surface tension and other energies. Guinness (yes, the beer manufacturer) has sponsored a foam research group in treland using the Evolver. In France, the program was used to model red blood cells. Architects have used it to model curved buildings. Other uses have included simulating crystal grain growth in metals modeling the shape of liquid solder on microcircuits and even studying high-

altitude balloons, which, like soap bubble and other liquid surfaces, have elastic film

hat stretches.

Last year, researchers from Purdue University and Lockheed Martin Corp. based their new technique for gauging and equalizing the amount of propellant in satellities' fuel tanks on mathematical modeling created by the Surface Evolver. As Brakke says, "It's a lot easier than sending a rocket into space to test a tank design."

More recently, The New York Times cited Brakke's program for the role it played in the foam research of an Irish



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prayed in the loann research of an risin group that ultimately led to construction of the new Beijing National Aquatics Center, or Water Cube as it was called during the 2008 Olympi

In the late 1980s when Brakke began developing the Evolver, few could have imagined the practical applications of modeling soap bubbles. Even today, Brakke is among a select few mathematicians in the world studying such phenomena. But why soap bubbles? The answer is simple, Brakke says: "The very existence of soap bubbles is wildly unexpected. Soap films are only a couple molecules thick, but they can be inches or even feet wide, and they don't instantly pop. Their urge to shrink to the smallest area is a very simple idea that can lead to a lot of complex behaviors."

Soaps bubbles aren't Brakke's only scholarly pursuit. His academic hobbies also include time machines and allens. In fact, in 1998, he created a Web page titled The Statistics of Space Aliens. By modeling the random evolution of technological civilizations, Brakke computed that the first civilization to appear in the galaxy would have plenty of time to colonize it before a second technologically advanced civilization would arise. Based on the nondetection of infrared radiation from Dyson spheres surrounding stars, he concluded that Earth is the first technological civilization in the visible universe, and were soing to have it to ourselves for a long time.

Contributing writers to The 'Grove section are Stephanie Beazley '10, Evan Dresser '02 and Victoria Kidd, editor.

# Scorepoard

### Crusaders Deliver Dramatic Homecoming Win Over Merchant Marine Academy



Bobby Eppleman '11 takes alm on the 19-yard field goal that earned Susquehanna's Homecoming victory over the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

A novelist couldn't have written a more exciting conclusion to the Homecoming football game against the U.S. Mer-Oct. 4. Sophomore punter/place-kicker Bobby Eppleman, of Chester Springs. Pa., kicked a 19-vard field goal as time Liberty League win from the visiting Mariners in one of the most dramatic college football games of recent memory.

Susquehanna thought that it had tied the game with just 23 seconds left in the fourth quarter after senior quarterback Derek Pope, of Selinsgrove, Pa., hit junior split end Justin Young, of

Pittsburgh, with a touchdown pass on fourth-and-goal from the Mariners' 3-yard line. Eppleman's extra-point attempt was anything but a formality, though, as the Merchant. Marine Academy's freshman utilityman Jake Harrison blocked his second kick of the game to preserve a 35-34 Mariners lead.

A shocked SU crowd in Nicholas A. Lopardo Stadium turned jubilant when the rightfooted Eppleman booted the ensuing kickoff with his left foot over the heads of Mariners players awaiting an onside kick. The deepest-positioned USMMA player raced against several Crusaders for the loose ball but couldn't hold on to it under the pressure of the coverage team. SU's freshman split end, Mike Ritter, of Selinsgrove, dove on the ball to regain possession at the Mariners' 10-yard line with 22 seconds left.

The Crusaders took a shot at the end zone before Eppleman's kick and almost ran out of time. Pope spiked the ball with the clock showing all zeros, but one second was rightfully put back on the clock. Eppleman got the kick off on time, sending the Susquehanna sidelines onto the field for a raucous celebration of head coach Steve Briggs' 100th career victory and the 150th anniversary of Susquehanna University.

A postgame fireworks display put the icing on the cake for the more than 4,500 spectators who came out to support the Crusaders for their sesquicentennial Homecoming game





Susquehanna University Men's Soccer Team

#### Susquehanna "Boots" Lycoming

Sophomore midfielder Jim Robertielle, of Chester, N.J., scored a highlight-reel goal off an assist from sophomore forward Shane Atha, also of Chester. N.J., to push Susquehanna University past Lycoming College, 1-0, during the 2008 edition of the "Battle of the Boot "

Sophomore B.J. Merriam, of Voorhees, N.J., was active in goal for Susquehanna but did not have to make an official save while posting his third-straight shutout. The Warriors goalkeeper made four saves for Lycoming, including stopping a point-blank rebound attempt off the goalpost with just 16 minutes, 2 seconds remaining in the second half to keep the game scoreless.

Robertiello broke the scoreless tie with 9 minutes, 55 seconds to play, though, when he took a pass from Atha, made a couple of guick moves and beat the diving keeper to his right with a shot through the mouth of the penalty box.

The Crusaders ultimately outshot Lycoming, 15-4, to help keep possession of "the Boot"-a bronze mounted soccer shoe that the teams compete for annually. SU has won the last five "boot" games.

in an effort to promote the rivalry between the students of each school, Lycoming's sports information office teamed with the Crusaders' athletics communications office to hold a halftime contest

Four students from each school, two males and two females, came onto the field for a chance to win the Battle of the Boot's Fan Supremacy Cup, a trophy that will remain with the winners each year. Each team had an equal number of chances Lycoming, 2-1, to add the cup to its possession alongside the boot.

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11-0 record in dual meets. 2007, and during the 2007-08 men's season, he led the Crusaders to an was a Middle Atlantic Conference Coach of the Year in 2000, 2005 and men's and women's swimming and diving until his death on June 25. He

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of Fame at an on-campus ceremony on Jan. 24. Susquehanna University will induct six people into the SU Sports Hall

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### Famed Swimmer Dan Phillips Is Named Head Coach of SU's Swimming and Diving Teams



three world championship partici-

Aquatic Club in Omaha, Neb , from including a first-place ranking. He was an assistant coach for Carter from 1996 to 1997 and an assistant for the Olympic Park Swim Team in Roanoke in 1996. He was promoted

i would-class at lete, Phillips #90-meter freestyle racus. the USA Swimming National Resident Team that trained at the U.S.

to head coach of the Olympic Park

Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo

As co-captain of the U.S. swimming team at the 1999 Pan American Games, Phillips captured a gold medal as part of an 800-meter freestyle relay and a silver medal as part of a 400 free relay. He captured another silver this time at the 1998 Goodwill Games - as part of a 400 16 at the 1996 U.S. Olympic Team Trials in the 200 free

A 1996 graduate of the University champion in the 200 free and an All-American in 1993, 1994 and 1995. He was a 1993 World University Games gold medalist as part of an 800 free relay and ranked in the top 30 internationally in the 100 free in 1993.

Dick Purnell '58 was among 12 people inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall

Purnell came to Susquehanna following a successful athletics career at Ashland High School in Ashland, Pa., from which he graduated in 1954. He earned varsity letters in football, basketball, baseball and track and field at Ashland.

Purnell was a quarterback for the Susquehanna football team for four years and served as a co-captain for the 1956 and 1957 seasons. He earned Little All-America honors in 1956, when he accounted for 1,072 total yards, and was an All-State honoree in 1956 and 1957.

In 1958, he guarterbacked the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League. He returned to Susquehanna in 1989 to serve as an assistant football coach, a position he held until 2002.

Also in the 2008 Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame class are Barry Alvarez, Fred Cox, Joe Pisarcik, Pete Vuckovich, Jim Mutscheller, Elaine Sobansky-Blackhurst, Walt Harris, Doug Kotar and Lerov Hennon.



Dick Purnell '58

Robert Healt fit, director of athletics communications, is a contributing writer to The Scoreboard section

# People Places



### **Boy Soldier Shares** Message of Hope

His poignant message of hope

Beah said that when he was growing up, a strong emphasis on community and on storytelling was used as a means of remembering.

But being able to share his story has been difficult for Beah. "I worried that if people didn't know where Sierra Leone was, then how could they understand the war that was going on," Beah said.

His agents encouraged him to focus on the violence of the war. Instead, he wrote to "show the strength of the human mate account of the war, to put a human face to this experience."

"There was a Sierra Leone before the war, there was a Sierra my memoir to show how societies fall apart, how traditions are

This message of hope pervades Beah's day-to-day life, and

"His lecture was inspirational," said Emma Kong '12, of ience. He was able to come back and change who he is. It's amazing that considering all he's been through, he still has

#### Students Don Judicial Robes in a Lively **Discussion With a Supreme Court Justice**

with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel A. Alito Ir. as part of

The event, which was organized by Allan Sobel, director of the Adams Center, gave students an opportunity to ask questions of Alito, who took his seat on the Supreme Court in 2006, replacing retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

participated in a lively debate about the American legal system. among courts.

as different from the rest of the world, and some tend to resist

issue was complex.

"I realize now how much more I need to know," said James Hendershot '10 of Harrisburg, Pa. "There are so many facets



### Pittsburgh: Then, Now and Always



called it the aging city of the vanishing

branded the city as an industrial titan Pittsburgh. The repercussions from this

in images at the beginning of the 20th century. No time is as important for definition as the present.

include the history of leisure and consumerism, urban social

#### SU SPLASH. The Ripple Effects of Service

in Sunbury, Pa., that provides food, referral help and life skills education to people experiencing homelessness in the central Susquehanna Valley,

After serving close to home for two days, the submersion into urban homelessness begins as the group boards a bus to Washington, D.C., for what Coordinator for Civic Engagement Mandy Nagy '08 calls "an eve-opening experience."

SPLASH members stay at the Washington Seminar Center and spend the remainder of the week working at agencies that serve and advocate for the homeless population. In addition, they read assigned articles and lessons on homelessness, record their thoughts in journals and collectively reflect on each day's events. Those events include volunteering at the Center for Creative Nonviolence, the largest homeless shelter in the United States with 1,350 beds. SPLASH members also visit a transitional shelter in St. Paul's Lutheran Church and hear the stories of men living there, thanks to the cooperation of the Rev. Meredith Lovell '02, associate pastor of the parish.

Another important experience is called Bread for the Journey, "This is perhaps the most challenging experience of the trip," says Radecke. Students fill brown paper bags with lunch items or toiletry items, walk throughout the District approaching people experiencing homelessness, and offer them the bags and some friendly conversation, Gratitude

these people and hearing their stories, the students realize that the stereotypes of homelessness can be completely squashed," says Nagy. "The typical assumption is that homeless folk are drug addicts or



Lauren Fasnacht '08 (left) and Jillianne Clark '10 with children from Haven Ministry in Sunbury.

alcoholics who refuse to put forth the effort to get a job, but it could not be further from the truth in some cases."

That lesson and others absorbed by the 20 incoming students are important and long-lasting, just like the bonds they form with each other through SPLASH. "The friendships formed during the week have impressive durability," says Radecke, who has seen reunited members entering together at convocation in the fall or eating as a group in the cafeteria.

"SPLASH is a chance for students to do something meaningful and to contemplate deeply the ripples created by that action," says Radecke.

Contributing writers to the People & Places section are Denhants he aley 10, Jenny R. fi Hawbaker 04 Elloger and Julia Budomarker 79.

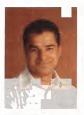
# Campaign News

## Scholarships Move Mountains



DaJuan Porter '11





talented scholarship recipients.

'79 and Ellen Schmidt '79 Odenath started in order to help draw exceptional students of diverse backgrounds to the Sigmund Weis School of Business. It is Susquehanna's first and only full-tuition scholarship supported by donors.

"If it weren't for the Odenaths, I wouldn't be here."

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tions changed a lift. I wanted to be a kindergarten teacher, a gemoloolit, an architect, a home economics teacher, an orthodomin and a livery prifes r," says Myers. And that last choice proved to be an important one.

She put Susquehanna on her list of considerations, even though she knew that paying for a private college would be a challenge. But thanks largely to a scholarship for history majors funded by W. Talbot "Tal" Daley '76, Myers, the valedictorian of her high school class, was

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### Campus Campaign Raises \$1.8 Million

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#### A Real Need

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Chanaina Lives, Buildina Futures reaches \$56.7 million

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096 Total as of Sept. 10

Changing Lives, Building Futures seeks to raise \$70 million by 2010 in new resources to support endowment and program goals. construction of a new science facility and financial aid for students.



Co-chairs of the Campus Campalon-(from left to right) Jeff Schreffler, chief plumber; Catherine Hastings, associate professor of communications; Pamela Wolfe, senior technical assistant for financial aid; Rebecca Wilson, associate professor and associate director of the Blough-Wels Library; Brica Weaver '00 Stephenson, associate director of residence life; and Thomas Pealer, associate professor of biology-present a check to the Chenging Lives. Building Futures campaign during halfiline of the Homecoming football game.

Faculty and staff raised more than \$1.8 million for the campaign. The campus community supported many areas of the campaign, including the new science facility and the New Horizons Scholarship, a fund that supports students seeking cross-cultural learning opportunities. Since February when the official solicitation phase of the campus campaign began, 66 percent of faculty and staff have pledged their support.

"The support of the campus community is extremely important. It proves they believe in the campaign and our community enough to invest in it, beyond the investment of time and dedication they make on this camous every day," says Joanne Troutman, director of the Susquehanna University Fund, which oversaw the campus campaign,

Troutman says the six co-chairs and the two dozen volunteers who worked with them were the keys to the campaign's success.

"Without their hard work and dedication, we could have never surpassed our goal of raising \$1.25 million." she says

## Campaign News







L. Terry Winegar (top), dean of the Schoof Matural and Social Sciences, describes

of music, places a copy of Susquehanna Today magazine in the time capsule that and Orchestra performance at Camegie Half

Awareness of the Value of the Environment).

## Past and Present Meet at **Time Capsule Ceremony for Science Building**

science building, now the school as school as to open in fall 2010.

Oct. 4 during Homecoming Reunion Weekend and was attended by current students, faculty and staff-as well as alumni, retired faculty and staff, friends, community members and government officials.

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#### A Cornerstone of Education



Linda McMillin, provost and dean of faculty, addresses the audience and distinguished guests gathered for the time capsule ceremony on Oct. 4.

work alongside our talented teacher-scholars to create knowledge. to explore areas of interest in that unending journey of discovery."

A few of these students-Ashley Evanoski '09, Michelle Siegel '09 and Stephen Maganzini '11—unveiled the physical cornerstone which directs future Susquehannans to the time cansule that will rest beneath it.

Fisher Hall, the current home of the sciences, will remain an integral part of Susquehanna for years to come, "This is still a great building. It will be a great building into the future," said Lemons. "As soon as we complete this project across the road, our efforts will return right here, where we will invest some \$13 million in bringing this facility into yet another state of its own evolution." When it reopens, Fisher Hall will house tutorial services, career services and the departments of English, mathematics, sociology and anthropology, psychology and physics.

#### **Contents of the Capsule**

Messages from the Class of 2009 biology students

### Scientific calculator

## Toy duck with waterfow population statistics attached

"150" pin and stamped postcard, artifacts of this year's sesquicentennial celebration The playbill and tickets from the March 2008 Carnegie Hall performance featuring the Susquehanna University Masterworks Chorus and Orchestra

Photographs of past science buildings; Sell Memorial Lab 1897, Steele Science Building 1912, Fisher Science Building 1964

Susquehanna University Strategic Plan: A Plan for Greater

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Campus Master Plan from January 2001

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# **Alumni Notes**

## Message Board



I'm taking off my director of alumni relations hat and instead writing to you simply as a graduate of Susquehanna University. A proud graduate.

The events of our sesquicentennial Homecoming Reunion Weekend, held on campus Oct. 3-5, were spectacular, memorable and uplifting. A high energy parade featured more than 40 floats with alumni and students from the classes of 1937 through 2012. A gala billed as the

Sesquicentennial Ball drew 1,200 students, alumni, faculty and staff to an overflowing field-house-turned-ballroom in Garrett Sports Complex. The football team delivered a heart-thumping, last-second victory after taking us through a variety of emotions throughout the game. Fireworks then lit up the central Pennsylvania sky on a beautiful fall Saturday night.

None of that, however, is what I'll remember most.

As with so much that is special about Susquehanna, people—individuals—were the show-stoppers for me.

It started with Carl Bellas talking about the Sigmund Weis School of Business that came to be in 1983, born of a wonderful gift from Charles Degenstein and a spirited faculty determined to bring it to excellence. As the founding dean of the Sigmund Weis School of Business, Carl got to see 25 years later that what began as a dream has matured in extraordinary ways, and what a great reward that must be for him.

As a psychology major at Susquehanna, I, along with so many others, held a special fondness for Ged Schweikert. His students and his athletes were like, .... extended family, especially the swimmers who went on the Florida trips. Weigrat miss Ged deeply, and the SU friends who remembered him so well at the campus memorial service created a splendid tapestry of memories, chuckles, triumphs and wisdom associated with a great, great man.

At the far end of the spectrum was Chelle McIntyre 'o1 Brewer, recipient of the 2008 Young Alumni Award. Her story appears elsewhere in this magazine, 2 and her selfless volunteer efforts on behalf of American soldiers and children in need reflect achievement, leadership and service in action at the highest levels. But Chelle took everyone's breath away when she introduced us to her 3-year-old daughter, born with only half a heart, and we marveled at how a mother's strength has lifted a family along with so many others in her wake. Chelle's moving story brought tears to all of our eyes.

President Lemons has it right when he tells prospective students to consider Susquehanna not as a four-year investment but instead as an investment for a lifetime. For obvious reasons, I feel more connected to Susquehanna today than I did 16 years ago when I graduated. Of course there is a paycheck, but the true benefits are bound up in the extraordinary people who make our university a compelling partner in a lifelong journey.

Becky Bramer '92 Dietrick Director of Alumni Relations

Harvard Distinguished Alumnus Award at Harvard's Alumni Day for completing more than 24 inter-Champaign, accompanied him They worked together at a large

Stephen Toy '61 was elected president of the International Associain Lancaster, Pa. IATC is an international association of local practicing recognized professions enjoy the cultural interchange of knowledge at monthly meetings.

Bill Molin '62 is a "head hunter" medical recruiting.

graduated in the spring of 2002

and received her master's degree

M. Vak '68 was elected vice

Commercial Lending at State College, Pa.

Karen Oberheim '77 Lockard da-Chevy Chase High School in Maryland. She is the daughter of Leah Cryder '47 Oberhelm.

Nancy Zanner '78 Correll has ington. D.C., and has been with

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in the Derry Township School

Edstrict. He is also an adjunct Screpton. Quinn has presented extensively on the subjects of supervision, assessment, educational leadership, curriculum development and best practices in instruction before such varied organizations as the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators, the Pennsylvania School Boards Association and the Pennsylvania Middle School Association. He has spoken at national conferences on the topic of value-added assessment as the invited guest of the Pennsylvania Department of Education. In addition, he has served on Penn sylvania Department of Education statewide PSSA committees on bias and on value-added assessment, and has served as a grant reader.

Barry Emas '85 is the vintage Atlantic City, N.J. Tourneau sells high-end watches such as Rolex, Cartier, Omega and Movado.

resources coordinator in July.

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Brad Bishop '90 is the executive

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## Alumni Awards: ACHIEVEMENT Signe S. Gates '71

A distinguishing characteristic of both successful business executives and attorneys is the ability to identify patterns and connections that might not be readily apparent.

Signe S. Gates '71, this year's winner of that critical skill at the end of her freshman year. Reviewing the outline for a religion course. Gates suddenly told a friend, "I know be"-and she was right.

"That was an early indication that I had learned at Susquehanna how to put things together, to turn them a few degrees and to look at them again in a slightly different way to see dimensions not apparent at the outset," says Gates. "The thorniest business them in unconventional or unexpected ways. and the most effective leaders-and inhouse lawyers-have the ability to see less obvious pathways to solutions.

the \$1.4-billion-a-year company manu-

ven for business while writing proposals for new businesses for a management consulting firm. Since graduating from the University of a corporate attorney for Connecticut's largest secretary at Axel Johnson Inc., the U.S. sub-

An acquisitions and mergers specialist, Gates leapt at the chance in 1999 to



products company. At the time, it was Barnes' largest acquisiton ever. As chief legal officer, opportunity to be close to business people,

Gates supports Susquehanna in a number recognize employees' singular contributions to Susquehanna. "Since graduating from from the academy," she says. "But there is a common thread; every human being likes to

Angeles. Brad was the executive

Born to Kahla and Mark Nicholas '91, a daughter, Gabrielle Ann, Aug. 18. She joins Ariel, the famwriter in Los Angeles, Calif.

Born to Scott and Lorraine Kafka '92 Miller, a daughter, Julia Christine, July 10, 2007.

Born to Phil and Kim Oaks '93 Dommel, a son, Nathan Michael, Iacob, They live in Telford, Pa.

Born to Marcie Goetaski '93 Matthew, a son, Caden Charles, April 3. He joins big sister Jordyn Bailey, 6 years old. Marcie teaches eighth and ninth grade history at Churchill Junior High School in East Brunswick, N.J., a Blue Ribbon district, Matthew is center director at HCFMW in

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John Menditto '94 is the director, investor relations, for Medco Health Solutions Inc. in Franklin Lakes, N.I.

Born to Jenn and Mike Rick '94. a daughter, Melia Jordan, July 9.

She joins big brother Owen, age 2. Mike is media relations and PR manager for the global law firm K&L Gates.

Chris Serson '94 received three awards at the ENERSYS National Sales Meeting in Scottsdale, Arize, on May 31: NY Metro District Sales Engineer of the Year, Northeast Fast Charge Top Performer and National Sales Engineer of the Year. Chris is in his eighth year at the company, which is hasted in Reading. Pa

## 1995

Corey Goff 155 was promoted to associate athletic director at Muhlenberg College. He also serves as the athletic department's summer camp coordinator and head baseball coach.

Born to Karl and Anne Kern '95 Gussow, a daughter, Natalie Rose, Aug. 1. Natalie joins big brother Seth. Anne is a patent examiner at the United States Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, Va., in the cancer immunology art unit, with an emphasis on antibodies

## 1996

Ehrin Barker '96 was promoted to director of circulation, at Vantage Deluxe World Travel. Vantage, based in Boston, is an industry leader in providing worldwide group travel to adults ss and older.

Born to Chris and Christine Williams '96 Bott, a son, Andrew James Bott, in April. They live in North Wales. Pa.

Born to Brian '96 and Jennifer Locke '98 Burchell, a daughter, Maggie, March 13. They live in Wyckoff, N.J.

Born to Brent and Shannan Bowersox '96 Guthrie, a son, Tate Dylan, May 12. He joins

#### Alumni Awards: LEADERSHIP

## Jim App '65

By Evan Dresser '02

"You can't be a leader without having people to lead," says Jim App '65.

Over the past 36 years, App led Selinsgrove-based LIB Water Service from just two employees to more than 100 in three states. As president, he oversaw significant growth in the company, which supplies products for municipal water and sewer systems.

He never forgot the importance of good people and good relationships, making L/B Water Service completely employee-owned in 2002.

"We felt we had loyal employees who had helped immensely to build the business they were the cog that made the whole thing work," explains App.

App maintains a close relationship with the company as chairman of the board, as well as close relationships with the area he has always called home and the university that helped him become a leader.

His ancestor, John App, played a key role in founding Susquehanna in 1858, donating both land and money. Jim App has driven App Road countless times on the way to serve with Selinsgrove's borough council, its municipal authority and the Snyder County Conservation District.

App's long career began with an internsip for the borough manager while at Susquehanna. He was made temporary borough manager, then served full time for eight years before leaving to help start L/B Water Service.

His path wasn't quite that simple, though. After an injury ended his football career at Bucknell University, App worked for five years, married and had a daughter before enrolling at Susquehanna. Working nights at Butter-Krust Baking Co., he was thankful for the unwavering support of his wife, Carole, a registered nurse, as well as a small grant.

One way that App gives back to the university—something he feels very strongly about—is by judging first-year students' business presentations.

"It's refreshing to hear the young students' ideas," he says. "They may have



to be tempered a bit, but they can be extremely valuable."

As a Sigmund Weis School of Business Partner, he even regularly sees one of his former professors—another example of his belief in long business and personal relationships.

Fittingly, App says that he knew from the outset that L/B Water Service could be a viable resource for years to come. He sees Susquehanna University in much the same way.

## Kathi Stine'76 Flack



For Kathi Stine '76 Flack, a passion for service may have started at Susquehanna, but it just as easily may have started at birth.

Volunteering is a natural fit for me. I'm a real 'people person' and I enjoy the challenge of it." she explains.

As social service coordinator for Kappa Delta. Flack used to round up sorority sisters on Monday nights to go to a local assisted living home, Seeing the seniors' eyes light up was an "eye opener" in itself. It was a simple thing to do and it made a difference, she says, so why not?

That philosophy has served her well. Her service career began with simple door-todoor fundraising for the American Cancer Society after leaving a career in media buying to raise children. She still fills in gaps in her schedule with simple things like delivering Meals On Wheels, even while on vacation.

Flack has served in volunteer roles for the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic Board, the Wilkes-Barre Hospital Auxil-

iary. Misericordia University's Women With

Children advisory committee, the United Way and her region's Alzheimer's Associationnot to mention for her church, local library and school.

"The more you have to do, the more you accomplish," says Flack of her often overflowing schedule.

Over the past eight years, she has dedicated guite a bit of time to the Philharmonic As president, she focused on removing misconceptions of an elite aura by creating outreach programs to make concerts more accessible, and by grassroots efforts in the community, putting a friendlier face on what might be perceived as a stodgy institution.

Music speaks to the soul and soothes people in times of stress, Our Philharmonic has that effect and should be available to all who seek that inspiration."

Through the Women With Children program, she was able to help young single mothers get through college by living together and supporting each other.

Flack's own college experience was more traditional. She was president of her sorority, played intramural sports and developed close relationships with professors-working with them in the English department, visiting thei homes and even babysitting for one.

Susquehanna has a very big place in my heart," she says. "It's just a fine. fine university." She met her husband, Rusty '76, while working at WOSU-FM, and two of their three children-Chad '05 and Alex '09—have attended Susquehanna. The family has hosted first-year students at their home near Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Flack says that her husband's own community involvement-while running a manufacturing business-helped inspire her to volunteer.

"Now I just can't imagine not doing it." she says.

Lancaster, Pa.

chief financial officer of Jersey

'96 Tomlinson, a son, Luke Matthew, July 7. He joins older

Christopher Wolfe '96 is the

Born to Jason '97 and Rachel Weist '97 Benner, a daughter. Maggie Asa, Aug. 2. They live in Sunbury, Pa.

Born to Richard and Tara McCourt '97 Grotto, a daughter, Emma Grace, Dec. 8, 2006. She joins big brother Ryan. They live

Kimberly Smith '97 received her School of Medicine, University of Chicago, June 10, 2007.

Born to Brian and Jennifer Mariano '98 Ersaleis, a son. Henry Daniel. They live in Hawthorne, N.I.

Born to Matthew '96 and Cherie Ainsley '98 Lenahan, a son, Elijah, Feb. 23. They live in Lititz, Pa.

Jennifer Voigt '98 married Mary and St. Patrick Church, Avoca, County Wicklow, Ireland.

Born to Ricardo and Cortney Shipe '99 Dominguez, a daughter, Addison Elizabeth, Oct. 25, 2007. They live in Miami, Fla.

Born to Eric '99 and Rachel Knight '02 Flowers, a daughter, Kendall Elizabeth, April 22. They live in West Deptford, N.J.

Born to Stephen and Julie Stover '99 Padbury, a daughter, Sarah Catherine, June 3. She Joins big sister Grace, age 2. Julie works full-time for JPMorgan Chase and part-time as a Creative Memories consultant. They live in Middletown. Del.

With great sorrow. Chris and Dalene Varney '99 LaPointe announce the birth and death of their son, Baker Christian, on April 3. He weighed 7 lb., 11 oz. Sadly, he did not survive his journey into the world. They are grateful for the love of family and friends through this difficult time.

## 2000

Renee Lathrop 'oo received tenure at Dutchess Community College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where she teaches physics. She was also promoted to assistant professor. She has completed the work for her second master's degree in educational psychology at Marist College in Poughkeepsie.

Born to Kate and Rik Reinhardt '00, a son, Liam Joseph, May 18. They live in Oakland, Calif

Stacey Park 'oo Thomas—see 2002, a son.

## 2001

Born to Lyle 'on and Joy Pretz 'on Hosler, a daughter, Ellen Vera, June 30. Lyle is the project manager for the Economic Development Co. in Lancaster, Pa., and Joy is on child-rearing leave from Ephrata High School, where she is an English teacher.

Michael Hudock 'or recently earned his doctorate in biophysics and computational biology from the University of Illinois at

# Alumni Awards: SERVICETO SU AWARD Virginia Lloyd '81

As vice president of claims for XL Insurance in Exton, Pa., Virginia "Ginny" Lloyd '81 understands that students transitioning from life at a liberal arts university to professional careers sometimes encounter speed bumps.

That's why this year's excipient of the Service to Surguehaman Award has been such a generous career resource for students. A former member of the board of directors of the Alumni Association (2000–2007), whe helped establish the Alumni Career Day. The event allowed juniors and seniors to explore career options and network with as many as 40 alumnif from a wide range of professions.

For the past seven years the dual history political science major also has developed, funded and participated in a program for history and political science majors who undergo mock interviews in Philadelphia with herself and two other alumni: Michael Collins '73, senior vice president of the Lending Office of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, and Amy Murphy '85, co-founder and managing director of Philadelphia's Arden theater.

"We give them feedback so that, when they interview for a job that they really want, they really impress people," says Lloyd.

She has hired two such students. As a member of the Alumni-Parents Admissions Network, she also has recommended a half dozen successful students, including a younger cotasin who is now a sophomore. In addition, she was a member of her class? Oth reunion committee and served on the Philadelphia Regional Campaign and Leadership Development committees.

Finally, in 2004 she helped establish the Housley Archives Fund to support Susquehanna's archives. The fund honors one of her favorite professors, Donald Housley, professor emeritus of history.

Lloyd, who received the Outstanding Seenior Woman Award, was captain of the women's tennis team, vice president of the Sigma Kappa sorority and a very active volunteer while attending SU. "The mantra at Susquehanna is achievement, leadership



and service," she says. "You can't learn three better principles, and the college was very good to me."

Late in her senior year, when she still owed tuition, Susquehanna awarded her a scholarship she had never heard of that exactly covered the amount she needed to graduate.

"I swore then," she says, "that I would always be in a position to give back to Susquehanna however I could, either financially or with my time, and I'd like to believe I have done both."

#### Alumni Awards: YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

## Michelle McIntyre '01 Brewer

By Bruce E. Beans



Most people would understand if Michelle "Chelle" McIntyre '01 Brewer, whose 3-year-old daughter is battling the effects of being born with half a heart, focused her energies on her farmily.

But Brewer, this year's Young Alumni Award recipient, cannot help but think of others. Honored as Military Spouse magazine's 2008 Military Spouse of the Year, the English major and wife of U.S. Army 1st Lt. Steven Brewer writes about military family life as a columnist for both the magazine and the www.marriedtothearmy.com Web site.

Among her accomplishments: While teaching eighth grade in Boiling Springs, Pa., Brewer founded Soldier's List, an organization that enables in dividuals to send care packages and letters to soldiers deployed overseas and to visit and help at-risk soldiers at home and abroad. Three years ago, shortly after her daughter Lorelei's birth, Brewer saw a TV report in the wake of Hurricane Katrina about a 2-year-old with a liver transplant whose vital medication had washed away. Working the phones, she collaborated with the Department of Homeland Security, Triage 411, United Way of Baton Rouge and the Louisiana governor's office so that, within 48 hours, Pennsylvania doctors and nurses were jetting with medical equipment to the Gulf Coast to ensure children with severe health conditions were receiving care

Brewer, who now lives in Ft. Bragg, N.C., with her husband, claughter and son, Cavan, 6, has also personally arranged for 13 critically ill children from around the world to receive needed surgeries in U.S. hospitals. "Most people don't realize how easy it is to get stuff like this done," she says modestly.
"My goal is not only to solve the problem at hand but to educate others about the process so they can help others in the future."

Brewer credits Susquehanna with imbuing her with both her leadership skills and global perspective. Opportunities that greatly influenced her included leading around a group of visiting Susquehanna students who met her in Galway while she was studying in Northern Ireland and supervising 19 children who were part of the cast of the production of The King & I, in which she appeared during her sophomore year.

Also a spokesperson for the American Heart Association, Brewer says, "Volunteering is my job now. I work with kids, teaching them about heart health and philanthropy and how important community is to not only our country but the world, and I got all that from Susquehanna and the opportunities I had there that formed who I am today.

"Those experiences may have seemed pretty inconsequential, but they are the keystone for what I do now and why."

Urbana-Changoelen. He is currently a research scientist at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and has joined McKinssy & Co. as an associate.

Amy Stahl 'or married Chris-Victoria Borst 'or Grenier was or D'Angelo was in attendance. On Dec. 22, 2007, Amy and Christopher welcomed their son, Ian, They live in Milton, Pa.

Brian Belssel '02 was ordained as a pastor in the Evangelical the Rev. Mark Wm. Radecke and Susan Hegberg, emeritus professor of music, participated in the service as part of the Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly. Beissel is called to Grace Lutheran Church, Northumberland, Pa., and Trinity Oak Grove Lutheran ly resides in Northumberland

Trever Fike '02 was named

Rachel Knight '02 Flowerssee 1999, a daughter.

Born to Lynn and Beau Heeps '02, a son, Lucas, July 7. They live

Leslie Marshall '02 defended her University in Winston-Salem. N.C., on May 19. She is working as a research fellow at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. She is conducting research on reactivation of a neurotropic virus from latency.

Born to Damon and Katrina Lindquist '02 Pisani, a daughat Farmington Savings Bank

Born to Michael '02 and Stacey Park 'oo Thomas, a son, Benjamin Park, Feb. 1. Ben Joins big brother Owen, age 2. They live

Born to Samantha Waldie 'os and Michael 'os Brown Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22, 2007. at West Perry High School, and Michael is a vearbook representative with Herff Iones. They live

Valerie Wolfgang '03 married Shane Imschweiler, July 28, 2007, at Lantern Lodge in Myerstown, Pa. Courtney Harpster '03 Cleck, Brin Nittinger '03 and Amanda Luna '03 were in the wedding party. Valerie Maryland State Police. They live

Diana Swope '03 currently in the Delaware Valley School serves as music director for the fall and spring musicals. She received her master's degree obtained her principal certification this past spring

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Rvan Noss '04 married Amanda Humer, Nov. 24, 2007, at Trinity United Methodist Church in New Kingstown, Pa. Ryan is an elementary band teacher with the West Shore School District. They live in Enola, Pa.

Michael Brown 'os - a daughter, see 2003.

Ashley Cooper '05 earned a Juris Doctor degree from the Penn State Dickinson School of Law on May 10. She is employed at the law firm of McOuaide Blasko in State College, Pa.

Autumn Pifer 'os married Justin Harter, Feb. 9.

Jason Stickler 'os received his Juris Doctor degree from William & Mary School of Law on May 11. He lives in Norfolk, Va.

Kurt Schenck 'o6 received a master's degree in journalism and mass communications from Point Park University on May 3. He lives in Hoboken, N.J.

Micaiah Wise '07 married Zane Bilger 'o8, May 24, at Mount Bethel Church in McClure, Pa. Micaiah is a reporter for The Sentinel, and Zane plans to attend the Widener School of Law in Harrisburg, Pa., in the fall,

Randi Levendusky '08 won the talent and swimsuit contests and placed second in the Miss Pennsylvania pageant held in July.

#### Letter from the Alumni Association

Happy Holidays from the Alumni Board! As we reflect on 2008 and look forward to the New Year, members of the exciting adventures to bring us closer to you.



You may not know that our 21-member board advises the Office of Alumni Relations. Our goal is to lead the Alumni Association in projects that enhance the lives of the more than 15,000 alumni in this community.

Working on the board has been one of the greatest joys of my life. I have met so many fine individuals across the generations that sometimes I no longer identify myself with the Class of 1998. The alumni have become my home away from home, and I have rediscovered Susquehanna in new and exciting ways.

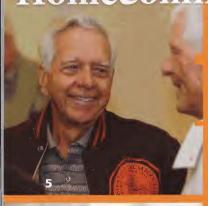
One of my fellow board members lent me this gem several years ago. Whenever she traveled on business. she would look up alumni members in her destination city and invite them to dinner. What an incredibly powerful thought-that through your connection to Susquehanna, you can call on others in the SU community to share experiences and good conversation.

As our Alumni Board begins to facilitate the ability of our community to interact with one another, from the technology of the online community and social our regional chapters, we are reliant on your ideas and

I encourage you to broaden your network, reach out to this great community, and rediscover Susquehanna for yourself and your family.

President, Susquehanna University





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- A group of Susquehanna grads recently gathered in Alexandra, Va., for a bon vogage party for Carne King Q 2 and Lon 'Q 3 gaman before they left for Beijing. Chan, to seeve in the Groups service. This group of Friends gathered from locations all over the country, including Adianta, Connecticut, Philadelphia and Baitimore Pictured are left on Inglit. Adian Kavalsky 'Q'. Brittaney Snoke 'Q'. Jeremy Litzebauer' 'Q'. Carres Lon, Jon Chai' Q' and fuldo Sievand' 'Q'.

# **Snapshots**

- Pictured are, left to right, Jeffrey Roush '71, Emma Roush '12 and Meghan O'Reilly '04 at Emma's graduation from The Forman School in Litchfield, Conn. Meghan is the director of communications at the school.
- 4. SAI starts Christy Canham 98 Williard and Emma Thompson '00 Meyer treated name Christy likes in Pilymosth Meeting, Pa., with her husband, Adam, and no chidiren, Caleb and Ellie. She is currently a stay-at-home mon, but in her spare time volunteers at Falth Church of Wilvesteer shooting and editing video projects for their various misinizes. Error currently lives in Villiara, Minn, with her husband, Daniel, and works for CTI Music Ministries helping to mobilize musclars into the mission field thereighout the United States and around he world.
- 5. Wm. Clark Snyder: 75 apposered with the Summer Sanoqued in the rarely performed Cilbert and Sullean oper priferrose Cilbert and Sullean oper priferrose Cilbert and Sullean oper priferrose Side in a why 5 review, the Press & Sun-Bulletin said. 76x King Gama, Wm. Clark Snyder stole the show. Snyder, who has directed Sanoqued productions since 1991, moved not an onsstage role and took command with impeciale decident and delevery. Has ACIII let usus a clastic semaptice in leaving them Bulghing. "Snyder is classical music director and mid-day host on WSKG Public Radio Billipations. N.Y.
- Robert Summer '63 is retiring after 40 years of teaching and making music as head of choral activities at the University of South Florida and founder of the acclaimed Master Chorale of Tampa Bay.
- Norrine Bailey Spencer '68, associate provost and director of undergraduate admissions at Virginia Tech, was selected to be one of the women profiled by the Office of Women in Higher Education of the American Council on Education in their

- Thirty-five Weeks of Extraordinary Women, which celebrated the 35th anniversary of the Office of Women in Higher Education. She was conferred the title of associate provost and director emerita by the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors during the board's quarterly meeting on June 20.
- 8. Thirden Kappa Deltas were able to get together for a fur-filled weekend to celebrate their 40th berthdaps in the Poocose. Richards are left to right, floor row. Deltable Saiser 90 McDemott. Angle Johnson 90 Kaimann and De Broom 190 Chiques, second row. Melitica Chaillice 190 Casmissans, Chenf Corradino 190 Soformon, Jesus Kim 90 Mastroamel, Asien Hobelon 90 Strangsist, Laurer Faligari 190 Borom and Alex. Solido 590 Master back row. Michelle O'Alexsandro 190 Selement. Remie Garrly 90 Picto. Nocide Leftoh 90 Western and James Garrle 70 Kornel Facility.
- Süsgerhanna Jusmi and a current student met this summer at Bethel Lutheran Church in Blaou, Miss., where they worked for a week building houses ap part of Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. Picture and eyf lot noght, Katte Souser 1/2, Toby Brodsch. 63 Skinner, Lynn Hassinger 57 Askew, Deb Spangler 36 Sowers, Professor Emeritus Rany Harrison and Lauren Bash 106.
- 10. A goupou of SU finends and their families resulted at Knoebels Amusement Resort in Eysburg. Pa., in August for a day of fun. Pictured are, left to right, Elijah Troutman, Joanne Marquardt '00 foutman, Janet Gouper 99 Kennedy holding Ryan Kennedy, Heidi Glatfelter '99, Jennifer Botchie '99, Amy Frank '99 Gullit and, front, Samantha Gulli.
- 11. A small group of 2001 graduates recently came together for an SU reunion that included lunch and a campus walk. Pictured are, left to right, Addison Dunlop (in stroller), Julie Dunlop, Emily Geeza, Joshua Henry '01, Matt Geeza '01 and Jim Dunlop '01.























- James Buberk: On married Bobby Streket 100 in a heartful beach wedding on July 22 on Grant Bishman stands Several 30 sharms travelor to the Island to relebate with the couple. Issue is a managing producer and new business development manager for Studio Teri Cresilve Group, a division of NBC Universal. Bobby is a 3cocil studies treather and head forbinal coach at Northamptor Area High School in Northampton, Pa, Janice and Bobby live in the Iriship Valley, Pictured are left to right, back New Crey Cod 10%, Duckl Harmann 19%; middle or Androhy DeSanis (O), Chuck Keepots; 59k, Kale Winchip: 99 Keepors, Bobby and Janice, Cray Golf OR, Randy Hyley C, Irinot row Crazer Device 99 and Hardoff Garcouph; 199.
- 2. Julie Daws 98 married Michael Shannon on July 15, 2006, at Christ Church nikiley Park, Pa. Julie a saxting galet eacher in Haventrom, Pa. Mike works in Philadelphia as a proved manager for a chemical manuf acturer. Following a Mediterianean cuse horizontom coughe in residing in Deset Hill, Po. Pictured ae. left to right, Werdy Americakies 1993, Julier Jedechola 99, Biller, Cherk Bauer 99 Adam and Michael Hoffman 99 Stejepwald Other Swojenhannan in attendance were Alexanda Herry 99 and John Stejepwald Ott.
- 3. Joanna Martino 10's maircied Adam Laub 10's on Nov 17, 2007, at the Vykoful Reformed Charch Livykoful N. Plottuce doubtwie from left Livykoful N. Plottuce doubtwie from left Livykoful N. Plottuce obsolivate from left Livykoful N. Plottuce N. Schmidter N. Schm

# Wedding Album

4. Mellssa Cafarchio '06 manried Tim Godsall-Myers '05 on Aug. 11, 2007. Tim is a teaching music at Alangton High School, and Melissa is an account executive at Real Testemer adversibling apens in Philadelphia Pictured are, to to bottom, left to right: Laura Baker '05, Jason Rose '05, Shawn Berkebile' '05, Frank Anonia '03, Mart Comba '03, Jahor Slaue' 95, Shawn Berkebile' '05, Frank Anonia '03, Mart Comba '03, Jahor Slaue' 96, Jason Rose '05, Shawn Berkebile' '05, Frank Anonia '03, Mart Comba '05, Sheh Henry '05, Lehn Wesver '02, Sash Mitchell '05 Wesver, Chrissy Gunther' '05, Megan Lien '06, Cheyl Smith '06, Kelly Cara' '06, Julies' Soyder '03 Bishop, Steve Bishop '02, Mark Norman' 02, Jared Cook '05, Kitsla Lundberg' 06, Lindberg '04, Lindberg' 06, Lindberg '06, Lindberg' 06, Lindberg' 06, Lindberg '06, Lindberg' 06, Lindber

- 5. Philip Hyman '05 married Jennfer Jannotti on June 20 at the Church of St. Ann in Tolyhanna, Pa.SJ members in antendance were left to right, Stephane Ihnat '05; Adam Spealman '04; Kate Umbio '06; Marissa Scott '05; Brian Fleming '05; Valletie Marlin, deen of the School of Arrs, Humanities and Communications; Kevin Henry, adjunct faculty, and Philip Machnik '04.
- 6. Sara Wise 'O4 married Andy Englehart on March 15 at Trinity Lutheran in Lansdale, Pa. Sarah is an optometrist in Willow Grove, Pa., and Andy works for Merck 8. Co. as a biomedical engineer. Pictured are Jelft on right, Elym Boop, '04 Ross, Patrick Fitzgerald' '04, Krissi Koch' '04 Fitzgerald, Andy and Sarah, Ellen Mull '04 Berger and Kristen Wise '01 D'Angelo.
- 7. The Country Cub of Scranton, Clarks Summit, Pa., was the setting for the June 23, 2007, weeding of Walter Rosiecki 'O'4 and Melissa Yeritz' 'O'4. Adam Marinak' 'O'4, John Spencer' 'O'4 and Bobby Milecklowski'. 'O'4 were gnormsmen. Other SU grads in attendance were left to right, back 'row faither of the bride Rosald Yeriett' 'G'5, behoen Dicker' 67. Dick Totalse' 'Go, Fund Decises' 'Go Bülbot and Brian Kaylor' 'O'4, second row: Adam Marichak' 'O'4, Brian Donnelly' 'O'4, Mellone Marrett' O'4, Miccole Friesmellino' O'4, Brian Donnelly' 'O'4, Mellone Marrett' O'4, Miccole Friesmellino' O'4, Brian Donnelly' 'O'4, Mellone Marrett' O'4, Miccole Friesmellino' O'4, Brian Donnelly' 'O'4, Mellone Marrett' O'4, Miccole Friesmellino' O'4, Brian Donnelly' 'O'4, Mellone Marrett' O'4, Miccole Friesmellino' O'4, Miccole Friesmell
- Sara Fuller '02 married Greg Myers on Aug. 4, 2007. SU alumni in attendance were Kelly Wilson '02, Susan Trella '101, Rachel Flowers' 02, Jean Wendler' 02, Christine Scheber' '02, Lisa Furness' 02, Emily Kurtz' 03, Gulfla Umille' 03, Aaron Litz' 02, Eric Flowers' 99, John Wendler' '02 and 10 Schleber' 02.
- 9. Emily Suraci '03 married Mike Walsh, Sept. 8, 2007, at St. Paul's Parish in Scranton, Pa. Emily is a technical editor for ARCOM Inc. in Alexandria, Va., and Mike is property inspector for the city of Reston, Va. They live in Falls Church, Va.



















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A list of class reporters can be found on our Web site at www.sualum.com.

Material received on campus by Feb. 1 will be included in the Spring issue.

#### Corrections

Susquehanna Currents Summer 2008

Rachel Procopio's name Was mistakenly omitted from the article "Mating in Wolf Spiders," which appeared in the summer issue. The jumor biology major was a collaborator on the research project with Alex Sweger 10 and Associate Professor of Biology Matthew Persons

# In Memoriam

Otto Reimherr · 1917-2008

Susquehanna University mourned the death of a dear friend, generous benefactor and emeritus professor of philosophy and religion, Otto Reimherr, who passed from this life Sept. 15 at the National Lutheran Home in Rockville, Md.

"We lost a great and gentle soul in Otto," said Susquehanna President L. Jay Lemons. "We will remember him fondly and miss him terribly."

Otto is survived by his wife of 63 years, Beaulah, of Silver Spring, Md.; a son, Frederick W. Reimherr of Salt Lake City, Utah; a daughter, loyce Reimherr, of Takoma Park, Md.; two grandsughters, Lori Ellen Reimherr and Tiffany Colleti of Bellingham, Wash; two grandsons, Matthew Reimherr of Chicago and Patrick Reimherr of Salt Lake City; and two stepareat grandchildren.

A longtime resident of Lewisburg, Pa., Otto moved early in 2007 to Silver Spring, Md., with Beaulah, a former assistant professor of English at Williamsport Area Community College.

A graduate of the City College of New York in 1937, Otto earned a Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg in 1943 and a doctorate in religion from Union Theological Seminary at Columbia University in 1957. He was twice named a fellow at Princeton Theological Seminary, and was named a distinguished alumnus of Gettysburg Seminary.

Otto joined Susquehanna's faculty in 1959 and served as the director of the university's Institute for Studies in Parish Ministry from its inception in 1973 and chaired the Department of Religion and Philosophy. In 1980, he delivered the first annual John C. Horn Distinguished Service Lecture and also edited an SU Press book titled Quest for Fatifi, Quest for Freedom. Aspects of Pemsylvania's

Religious Experience. He retired from Susquehanna in 1982.

Otto was a beloved member of the Susquehanna family, as noted by a former student, who said, "I know his life and ministry meant a lot to the SU community. He was my religion professor, whom I'll remember fondly."

Along with his wife, Otto was a generous supporter of the Hilda Karniol Endowment for the Arts, the Heim Shaheen Scholarship, the VI Rabey Messerli Award, the Robert M. Bastress Memorial Fund and the Susquehanna University Fund.

In addition to his involvement with Susquehanna, Otto was tireless in his service to the community and the Lutheran Church. He held membership on the Task Force on the Synoptic Gospels, served on the board of Lutheran Social Services-Central Penn Region, was a member of the Executive Committee of the board of directors of the Gettysburg Seminary and served as chairman of the Continuing Education Committee of the Central Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church in America. He was a visiting professor at Bucknell University and Hartwick College, and following retirement from SU he served as vice pastor at Zion Church in Herndon, Pa.

Before coming to Susquehanna, Otto served on the faculty at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg and Wittenburg University, as pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Yonkers, N.Y., and Hope Lutheran Church in College Park, Md., and as campus pastor at the University of Maryland. Fern Zechman '40 Ferster, Ashland, Ohio, Aug. 9. She was employed in the office of Penn-Mar Supply Inc., her husband's business in Hanover, Pa. Upon moving to New York, she was employed as a teachers aide in the nursery school of Amherst Community Church.

Mary Mack '40 Pendered, Greenville, N C., Aug. 18.

Doris Welch '43 Mitman, West Chester, Pa., July 11. After graduating from Susquehanna University, she moved to New York City and earned a singing role in the Fred Waring Chorus, which was appearing on Broadway in the Oleson and Johnson's variety show "Laughing Room Only." She also sang with small groups on Paul Whiteman's radio show and the Lucky Strike radio program. She also taught elementary music for 15 years in the West Chester School District. She is survived by her niece, Lynn Williams '72 Didden.

Ralph S. Aucker '45, Elizabethville, Pa. He practiced veterinary medicine for more than 60 years.

Frank Corcoran '47, Coraopolis, Pa., Jan. 25. He served in the U.S. Army during three wars-World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, working up the ranks from private and retiring as a colonel in 1970. After his military service, he taught for 14 years at Robert Morris University, where he was professor emeritus, teaching management, labor relations and business policy.

Nelda Shafer '51 Davis, State College, Pa., Jan. 22. Her first job was in the employment department at the Sears Complex in Philadelphia. Once her daughters were born. Nelda concentrated her time and attention on raising and caring for them. In 1969, the family moved from Shippensburg to State College, where Nelda earned a master's degree in education from Penn State and was a counselor in the Park Forest Junior High School for 18 years. She is survived by her husband, Donald Davis 'so, and her brother, Merrill Shafer 'sı,

Patricia Rumbaugh '52 Hall, Huntsville, Ala., June 21. She is survived by her brother, James Rumbaugh '50.

William Kloap '53, Nanticoke, Pa., Feb. 19. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1945 to 1948. Before retiring in 1993, he was the controller for the A. Rifkin Company in Hanover Township.

Betty Fitting '53 Tice, Fairfax, Va. She is survived by her cousin, Mary Kresge '43 Jones.

Carletta Chubb '57 Hood, Richfield, Pa., Aug. 25. She retired after 32 years of employment as a teacher in the Juniata County School District. She is survived by her niece, Ann Spriggle '64 Beaver,

John Roshon '57, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, April 25, 2008.

Donald E. Coleman '60, Lewisburg, Pa., Aug. 6. He served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956, in the artillery division at Fort Campbell, Ky. He taught eighth grade history in the Lewisburg Area School District from 1960 to 1993.

Ann McAuliffe '66 Darr, Ormond Beach, Fla., July 6. Ann worked alongside her husband in a variety of local businesses. She is survived by her husband. Lewis. Darr '65, sister Susann McAuliffe '66 Lucas, uncle Warren Herrold '41 and cousin Peter de Mets '93.

Nicholas Prusack '67, Zionsville, Pa., Aug. 4. He was on the hospital staff at Lehigh Valley Hospital for 27 years. He was a member of the American Dental Association and the American Association of Oral Maxillofacial Surgeons.

Zolna Makar '67 Williams, Watsontown, Pa., May 7. She taught French in the Gloversville, N.Y., School District and retired in 2003. Before that, she taught German in Johnstown and Elmira, N.Y., and at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford. She is survived by her husband, John Williams '67.

Harry E. Guetzlaff, '69, Dallas, Texas, July 13. He worked as a managing editor for the Whittenburg Door Magazine for the Trinity Foundation in Dallas, Texas.

He accepted an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Paul Harro '69, Selinsgrove, Pa., Aug. 22. He was formerly employed by J.K. Supply in Hummels Wharf, Pa., and was the executive vice president and treasurer of Snyder County Trust matil 1088. He was controller of Excel Homes, a manufacturer of modular homes, until retiring in 1995. He was one of the founders of DH&L Ambulance League, also serving as treasurer and as an emergency medical technician (EMT). He was one of the first EMTs in Pennsylvania

Janet Delong '87 Hart, Sherwood, Calif., June 11. She taught math in elementary and high schools and later was a math tutor to secondary school students in California and in Oregon. Before her marriage, she pursued an acting career in California, with major roles in a series of productions at the Theatre in the Foothills, Santa Monica, Calif., including the role of Lady Anne, the leading lady in Shakespeare's Richard III, and parts in several Hollywood films.

# Susquehanna



## The Top of the Top 150!

A preamble: I have enjoyed the opportunity to present to the Susquehanna community a list of 150 individuals, events and developments that shaped its 150 years. Of course, such a list is arbitrary. Still, it generates interest in an institution to which I am deeply committed and for which I care a great deal. These interests and commitments must be widespread! I am told that there is even a "pool" of local gamblers (mostly my colleagues on the faculty) who are speculating about the final entries on this list and have been lobbied by some individuals to get this-or-that included in the Top 10 list.

#### to. Three Schools, 1983-.

Three developments came together in 1983 to dramatically alter the composition of Susquehanna's academic program-a significant addition to the endowment by local businessman Charles Degenstein; the heritage of "university"; and the vision of Academic Dean Joel Cunningham. Degenstein wanted to help Susquehanna and celebrate his father-in-law, Sigmund Weis, a 1903 graduate of Susquehanna. A faculty committee had earlier suggested that Susquehanna should more effectively use "university" as a definition. Thus, under Cunningham's guidance, three schools were formed-the Sigmund Weis School of Business, the School of Arts and Sciences, and the School of Fine Arts and Communications. Although these schools were reshuffled in form in 1908, the business school's accreditation by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) was an impetus for a general. universitywide improvement

#### 9. G. Morris Smith, 1928-

1958. A Lutheran pastor who assumed the presidency at the age of 37, Smith served the college for 30 years, overseeing its survival through the Great Depression, World War II and the tumult of the postwar world. Smith saw his tasks through the lens of American Lutheran piety, emphasizing humility, work and simplicity. He held power closely, so that these values resonated through the college community. A conservative in values and actions, his steadfastness ensured that Susquehanna would survive perilous times but was less effective when change was in the wind.

#### 8. Athletics, 1959-1964.

While football is the flagship of collegiate sports, defining and unifying an institution of higher education. intercollegiate contests in many other sports are also important to students and alumni. In the early 1960s, athletics at Susquehanna enjoyed a golden age. Women's basketball and field hockey had winning seasons; men's basketball, track and field, and

baseball attained winning seasons; and the football team had dramatic successes. Under Coach James Garrett, football compiled a 39-4-1 record and enjoyed a winning streak of 22 straight games. Among its victories was a win against Temple University in November 1963. This extraordinary level of success could not be sustained. In 1965. wins turned to losses, and the architect of this success, Coach Garrett, left the university.

#### 7. Campus Expansion,

1959-1968. In 1968 the college community gathered with many local and regional economic, political and social leaders to celebrate the first 10 years of the "new Susquehanna." The most visible signs of the college's growth were many new buildings and a doubling of campus grounds. Among the buildings constructed were Smith, Reed, Aikens and West halls, the Degenstein Campus Center, Fisher Science Hall, Weber Chapel and new football stands. A new gymnasium and library were in the planning stages. These new buildings were motivated by President

Gustave Weber's vision and a need to serve a student body that had more than doubled in size

#### 6. Academic Reorganization, 1899-1904. President Charles

Heisler had a brief tenure at Susquehanna, serving from 1899 to 1901, but during that time he encouraged brisk change in the school's academic structure. The result was a university in the European mold: a College of the Liberal Arts and a School of Theology, and shortly thereafter an Academy, a School of Business, a Conservatory and a School of Expression. These separate academic offerings were generated by a small and ambitious faculty at what was then a "protean school" simply doing its best to serve students and stay alive. Subsequently, this ambitious program was narrowed, until by the mid-1930s only an undergraduate program remained.

#### 5. The Rev. Dr. Gustave Weber, 1959-1977. Weber's tenure as president of

Susquehanna University can be

in institutional quality.

divided into two parts. The first to years were marked by great change, both quantitatively and qualitatively. The last eight years were marked by efforts to absorb and control the effects of this change. During the first to years the campus buildings and grounds expanded remarkably. The student body and faculty more than doubled in size. The administrative order grew in number and took over many tasks previously assumed by students, and an unintended revolution in the school's mission occurred In the last eight years of the



The Rev. Dr. Gustave Weber

Weber years, the academic calendar and curriculum were completely revised. The mission of the school was reformed, and the student body was freed from old restraints. with interesting consequences. It was during this time that the college's unbalanced budget became a serious problem.

4. Selinsgrove Hall. In 1858 the Missionary Institute was constructed as a physical and programmatic entity. Local craftsmen using local materials built an Italianate Renaissance structure, topped by a cupola typical of buildings from 1840 to 1860. In the beginning, the family of the principal of the Classical Department (the liberal arts program) lived in



Selinsgrove Hall

the northern half of the first floor, with classrooms and a chapel in the southern half. Male students lived on the upper two floors. In 1894, when Susquehanna University was drawn from the Missionary Institute, the building was renamed Selinsgrove Hall to honor the citizens of the town responsible for the school's location. Over the years, classrooms, dormitory rooms, a small library and a chapel were located in this building, which ultimately was given over solely to administrative offices.

3. Dr. Joel Cunningham, 1979-2000. Serving as the vice president for academic affairs from 1979 to 1984 and president from 1984 to 2000, Cunningham had a significant impact on the development of Susquehanna University, As academic dean, he created the three-school structure that now exists; led a reshaping of the calendar and curriculum



Dr. Joel Cunningham

in 1984; and established the mission of the school as a "community of inquiry." As president, he set the school on a solid financial footing, both by balancing its budget and enlarging the endowment many times over; eased tensions with the Lutheran Church: oversaw the expansion and refurbishment of most of the campus buildings; and saw the quality of Susquehanna's students and their programs of study improve dramatically.

2. The Rev. Henry Ziegler, 1858-1881. A protege of Benjamin Kurtz, Ziegler was a Lutheran pastor who was the assistant superintendent and second professor of theology from 1858 to 1865. When Kurtz died, Ziegler took his place, serving until 1881, when he resigned. Ziegler was the son-in-law of John App, who gave the school its initial property. He was instrumental in getting the institution going, serving as de facto president during Kurtz's many absences; writing the school's charter; designing the Missionary Institute building (Selinsgrove Hall); and fulfilling its founding mission-to educate impoverished men called to preach the gospel-in the double-sided cottages he built between 1868 and 1873. He was

leaders who nearly worked himself to death to make sure the institution survived

1. The Rev. Benjamin kurtz, 1858-1865. The founder of the Missionary Institute, forerunner of Susquehanna University, Kurtz was a Lutheran pastor from Baltimore who gained influence and notoriety as editor of the Lutheran Observer, the largest Englishlanguage Lutheran weekly in antebellum America, Kurtz used the paper to publicize a competition he was propagating to start a Lutheran school sympathetic with his religious views. These views were liberal, democratic and quite American in nature. However, by the 1850s, they were being surmounted among Lutherans by the more conservative, orthodox views held by numerous immigrants coming from Germany in the 1840s and 1850s and by young, recently educated Lutheran pastors who were native to America. Once the school was established. Kurtz was the superintendent and first professor of theology. even though he never moved from Baltimore to Selinsgrove. The founder is celebrated by a Celtic Cross in front of Selinsgrove Hall.

# **End Notes**

## Liberal Arts Education in the 21st Century

Laurence Roth, associate professar of English and Jewish Studies, was selected from a national poal of applicants to attend the highly selective seming; Twenty-first Century Liberal Education held at Transylvania University in Lexington, Ky., this summer. Roth recounts the spirited debate that emerged about the rale of liberal arts education in today's society.

"Liberal arts is not content but method." Around the seminar table at Transylvania University, heads nodded in agreement with our moderator's assertion. It was one of the few times all the participants found themselves on the same side, and the bright and spacious seminar room suddenly felt lopsided. As I looked around the table, I was reminded that agreement doesn't come easily to academics, but when it does it's a signal that the discussion has either reached a dead enicl or become so incendiary everyone must retreat to common ground in order to continue. My impression was that we were stuck in a corner.

For the previous two clays, all of us attending Twenty-first Century Liberal Education: A Contested Concept-professors of philosophy, sociology, English, biology, political theory, psychology, theatre and history-had reflected on the current crisis in liberal arts education. As journalist and professor Todd Gitlin puts it, the core of the problem is that "while the liberal arts seek to cultivate knowledge, reason, aptitude and taste for what endures, we live in a society devoted to relentless cultural change." Given the array of educational alternatives now available to undergraduates, how can liberal arts colleges like Susquehanma compete in today's highspeed, market-driven, in formation-saturated and celebrity-obsessed society?

To find answers we reviewed the history of liberal arts education and liberal arts colleges, and then traced in the United States the rise of two antagonistic traditions: the classical tradition of Robert Maynard Hutchins and the progressive tradition of John Dewey. Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago from 1929 to 1951, argued that a liberal arts education ought to remain true to its origins in Greek learning and to the enlargement of that knowledge within the great books of Western civilization. These "draw out the elements of our common human nature, because they connect man with man, because they connect us with the best that man has thought, because they are basic to any further study and to any understanding of the world." Hutchins had no interest in education as "character building" and no faith in the usefulness for undergraduates of courses in the applied sciences. The general public in

Chicago probably best remembers him as the man who disbanded the University of Chicago football program.

Dewey, an educator, political activist and professor of philosophy at Columbia University from 1905 to 1939. believed that a liberal arts education was that which helped students succeed in our modern industrial and commercial world. What ought to be taught to



undergraduates was the useful knowledge or skills they needed to navigate contemporary society and to make the most of their inherent individual and political freedoms. "The problem of securing to the liberal arts college its due function in democratic society," he wrote, "is that of seeing to it that the technical subjects which are now socially necessary acquire a humane direction." Liberal arts education is both a practical and liberating experience; it's preparation for a lifetime of problem solving.

My colleagues around the seminar table quickly staked out their allegiances, even while granting that certain aspects of one or the other tradition was worthy of inclusion in their conception of the liberal arts college. The arguments were fairly predictable, with the philosophers insisting on the continuing value of so-called "useless knowledge," the sociologists and historians insisting on the connection of education to social and historical forces, and the scientists gently trying to prod all of us into more practical discussions about pedagogy and grading. As a professor of English, I found myself distressed that we weren't giving the imagination its proper due-and that the distinguished speaker at the plenary lecture had the nerve to claim that creative writing has no place in a liberal arts curriculum.

When Jeffrey Freyman, a professor of political science at Transylvania and the seminar moderator, finally made his statement about method and the

liberal arts, our discussions seemed to me to have reached an obvious impasse. Stuck in an either/or argument, all we could agree on at that point was that our liberal arts colleges exemplified the liberal arts because of how we taught our students rather than what we taught them. We all aimed at providing students with transformative experiences in and out of the classroom that would help them to see the world in deeper and more sophisticated ways.

But what did that really mean? To me the most disappointing turn in the seminar was what followed. Just when we should have recognized our dead end and turned to the harder work of rethinking what a liberal arts college can be or do, the majority of the seminar participants simply embraced an easy consensus and retreated into an "us versus them" mentality: "We" want our students to resist conformity; "they"—the forces of political correctness and capitalism want conformity. "We" are misunderstood, poorly organized and underrepresented on university boards; "they" wield the power of the purse. "We" need to make our way of doing liberal arts an attractive product; "they" count on the fact that students don't know what or how to choose

True or not, these sentiments missed the mark. Simply disparaging the marketplace, or trying to lure or trick the inhabitants of that marketplace into appreciating what "we" know is best for them, is futile. And it's a touch hypocritical to revile conformity but then warn, as one participant did, against "those on our campuses who we know don't truly believe in the liberal arts."

In the end I was heartened-and, to be honest, surprisedto find Susquehanna cited in one of our final readings as an example of a third way, "a new paradigm for undergraduate study." Richard M. Freeland, former president of Northeastern University, notes how "this new approach builds bridges between the realm of the intellect and the arenas of action and practice" by mixing liberal with professional studies in service of a "practice-oriented education." It's a risky endeavor and still very much an experiment. Yet only by taking such chances, and welcoming real disagreement on campus between faculty and the administration-and even within departments-over the educational value and soundness of new initiatives, programs and policies, will Susquehanna earn a place among the leaders of 21st century liberal arts education.

No doubt this augurs more and increasingly heated arguments on our campus, both now and in the foreseeable future. That's what academics do. But I wouldn't want it any other way at this liberal arts college. ~

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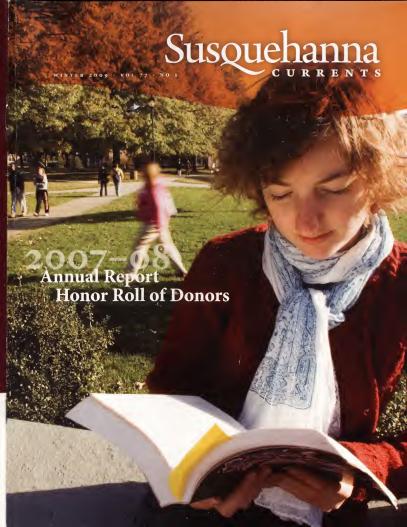
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# The First Word

By L. Jay Lemons, President



President L. Jay Lemons

DEAR FRIENDS,

At the close of 2008, I find myself thinking as much about the year ahead as the one just completed. In many ways, 2008 was a landmark year. Forever etched in my mind will be two milestone events for Susquehanna: our Carnegie Hall concert kicking off our sesquicentennial celebration; and Homecoming, where we marked the groundbreaking of our new \$33 million science building, welcomed nearly 2,000 Susquehannans home and shared a monumental miracle football win followed by fireworks. One event was an homage to the past, the other a harbinger of our institution's long and healthy future.

The possibilities of the future excite me when I walk around our beautiful campus. From the moment I arrived at Susquehanna, I heard from our science faculty that if we wanted to equip our students for the future, we needed to support them with proper facilities. Our new science building will do that. We also heard expressions of concern from faculty who understood that we needed to leave a footprint that would not harm our environment. With careful planning, augmented by the hard work of a smart development team, we have accomplished both. Our green, LEED-certified science building is in every way a bold and responsible steen into the future.

In addition to the steel superstructure, cranes and lifts that now occupy the former North Hall parking lot, I also see a new grouping of residence halls receiving the final touches in West Village. Because nearly 80 percent of our students live on campus and because we intend to modestly grow our student enrollment, the new residence halls are another vital addition.

To prepare our students to live and work in a world that continues to flatten, our faculty is steeped in the implementation of an exciting new central curriculum. One dimension of the curriculum that begins with the class entering in the fall of 2009 is that every student graduating from Susquehanna will participate in a cross-cultural experience, domestic or abroad, immersed in learning that expands their understanding of the breadth of diversity in our world. The study-abroad programs that were offered when I was a student were in some ways

a luxury. Today, they are becoming a necessity. The possibilities are nearly limitless—students may elect to teach English as a second language or work with underprivileged populations. In all cases, these experiences will be linked in meaningful ways with the classroom work done on camous to create a deeper learning experience.

Still, as I look to the horizon, the changing economic climate remains on my mind. Despite the challenges, Susquehanna remains financially sound. Because the majority of our debt is at fixed rates, we have little exposure to the potentially devastating effects of rate fluctuations. More important, because Susquehanna's Board of Trustees has for a long time insisted on balanced budgets with positive financial margins, we have built reserves to sustain us, if necessary, during challenging times. In addition, our student recruitment efforts are stronger than ever. And thanks to all of those mentioned in this report, fundraising results continue to be on target.

Susquehanna strives to provide an exemplary undergraduate educational experience. With quality instruction supported by first-class facilities, Susquehanna's alumni graduate prepared and motivated for the next step on their journey. As the economy continues to deteriorate, reaffirming the value of a Susquehanna education is paramount. Eighty percent of our students graduate in four years, and 96 percent of our alumni are employed or are attending graduate school within six months of graduation. Considered in the context of the current economic climate, this means that Susquehanna alumni enter the workforce sooner than students who attend nearly all other institutions.

I especially want to take this moment to thank you for putting your confidence and trust in Susquehanna. Your vote of confidence is both humbling and gratifying. I understand deeply that there is a great demand for philanthropic support and that many of you make choices and sacrifices to support us. Your expressions of support are appreciated and valued and are essential to ensuring that the quality of a Susquehanna education remains second to none. ~

# Karol Weaver

# John C. Horn Distinguished Service Lectureship



Associate Professor of History Karol Weaver has received the 2008 John C. Horn Distinguished Service Lectureship. The award recognizes a faculty member for outstanding scholarship and conscientious service to the university. The recipient offers a public lecture during the following academic year.

Weaver, of Mifflinburg, Pa., has taught Pennsylvania history, United States history, several genderand medicial-related history courses and senior seminar. She holds a bachelor's degree in history from Bloomsburg University and a master's and doctorate from Pennsylvania State University.

She has developed a national reputation as a historian of the Atlantic world. Her first book, Medical Revolutionaries: The Enslaved Healers of 18th Century Saint-Domingue, was published by the University of Illinois Press in 2006. She is currently finishing a volume on neighborhood ladies, midwives and biomedical practitioners in 19th and 20th century Pennsylvania, and is embarking on a third proice on enslaved seamstresses.

In addition to the Horn award, Weaver received a Thrivent Lutheran Susquehanna University Service Learning Course Development Grant in 2005 and The Winifred and Gustave Weber Fellowship in the Humantities in 2004. Her service to Susquehanna includes coordinating the history intern program, advising Catholic Campus Ministry, serving as co-coordinator of the Medical Humantites Initiative and serving as an editorial board member for Susquehanna University Press.

The Horn Lectureship memorializes John C. Horn, who served as chair of the university's Board of Directors from 1962 to 1978. The award is determined by open nominations from the faculty. Nominations are reviewed by the Faculty Personnel Committee, which, in turn, submits award recommendations to university President L. Jav Lemons for confirmation.

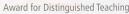
Weaver came to Susquehanna in 2004. Previous to that, she was an assistant professor of history and affiliated faculty member of the Women's Studies Program at Purdue University. She also was a visiting assistant professor at Bloomsburg University and an instructor at Pennsylvania State University.

# Distinguished Guests Contribute to Intellectual Engagement

Each year, Susquehanna welcomes a wide array of distinguished guests to campus for public lectures, classroom visits with students and scholarly engagement with faculty. During the 2007-08 academic year, the list included the following individuals:

- Tim Flannery, the 2007 Australian of the Year and internationally known author and scientist, delivering the Claritas Distinguished Lecture in the Sciences, The Weather Makers
- John Grim and Mary Evelyn Tucker, coordinators of the Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale University, presenting the Alice Pope Shade Lecture, The Emerging Alliance of Religion and Ecology
- Deborah Johnson, Anne Shirley Carter Olsson Professor of Applied Ethics at the University of Virginia, presenting the Edward S. and A. Rita Schmidt Lecture in Ethics, Ethics. com: Watching and Being Watched in Cyberspace
- Kathy Pape, president of Pennsylvania American Water, presenting the Sigmund Weis Memorial Lecture focusing on water issues in America

# Coleen Zoller





Assistant Professor of Philosophy Coleen Zoller has been awarded the Susquehanna University Award for Distinguished Teaching. The award for teaching excellence and service is determined by open nominations from the faculty and from the Student Government Association. Nominations are reviewed by the Faculty Personnel Committee, which, in turn, submits award recommendations to university President L. Jay Lemons for confirmation.

Zoller holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy and Greek studies from Bucknell University and a master's and doctorate in philosophy from Emory University. She teaches a variety of popular courses within the philosophy department, including Plato Seminar, Metaphysics and Philosophy of Love and Desire. Her specialty is ancient Greek philosophy, with areas of interest in ethical theory, metaphysics and feminist philosophy.

She is currently working on a book called Reasoning With Pleasure: Plato on Philosophy and the Physical. Recent presentations include "Honest Cakes: Plato on Health, Justice and Peace" at the Northeastern Political Science Association, "Plato and the Science of Living Well" at the International Society for the Study of European Ideas and "Plato on Philosophy and the Physical" at Susquehanna University's University Colloquium.

In addition to the teaching award, she has received the Omicron Delta Kappa Faculty Member of the Year Award at Susquehanna, the Graduate Student Prize from the American Philosophical Association and the W. Preston Warren Prize for Excellence in the Study of Philosophy at Bucknell University.

Zoller, a Selinsgrove resident, has been an active participant in the Susquehanna community. She has been a supporter of both the SU SPLASH and SU CASA service learning programs. She has also organized and led student trips to Greece, and served on numerous campus committees including the Faculty Affairs Committee. She also is the campus coordinator of the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows program and advises the Philosophy Club.

In addition to her work at Susquehanna, Zoller has been active with Susquehanna Valley Women in Transition, serving on its board of directors for three years and chairing two committees for the organization.

- Fred Pearce, former New Science news editor and author of When the Rivers Run Dry: Water-The Defining Crisis of the Twenty-First Century, presenting the University Common Reading Lecture
- Kevin Quigley, president of the National Peace Corps Association, delivering the 31st Annual Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow Lecture at Susquehanna University, titled Peace Corps and the 21st Century: How Expanding the Peace Corps Can Help Restore U.S. Standing in the World
- Bud Welch, a board member of the National Coalition Against the Death Penalty, whose 23-year-old daughter was killed in the Oklahoma City bombing, discussing his experiences as part of the Arlin M. Adams Center for Law and Society's Death Penalty Symposium

# Faculty & Staff Recognitions

Three Susquehanna University employees were recognized with Gates Awards in 2007-08. Established by Signe S. Gates '71, vice chair of Susquehanna's Board of Trustees, the awards honor outstanding contributions to the institution. Gates Award winners receive certificates, gifts and a monetary award of \$1,000 for the work they do in advancing the strategic objectives of the university and enhancing the undergraduate experience. The following individuals are the 2007-08 winners:

# Dale Ovelman

Associate Director of Facilities



Ovelman began his career at Susquehanna as a plumber in 1989. During the past 21 years he has held several positions, including lead plumber, assistant director of facilities in 1997 and associate director in 2000.

"I think it's just my nature. I've always worked hard no matter where or who I worked for."

#### A highlight of his time at SU:

"I would say it was the Pine Lawn renovation in 2000. It was a fast-paced project, and we were anticipating the arrival of our new president and his family."

#### How his work connects to students:

"My job is to oversee the daily operations of the facilities management department. Our department is service-oriented, providing a clean and functional campus for our students."

Michael Coyne, vice president of finance and treasurer, says: "From one end of campus to another, if you need someone to provide a facilities solution to a problem you face, Dale Ovelman is your man. Dale has come to be one of those folks who manage to be everywhere, doing everything and doing them all well, all the time. His quiet and cheery competence is a part of the fabric of this place, and we salute and thank him for his contributions."

Crystal Reed
Senior Administrative Assistant to the Dean of the School of Natural and Social Sciences

Reed has been with Susquehanna for 14 years. She has held various positions on campus, including accounts payable technician in the business office for three years, faculty secretary for five years, and her current position supporting the dean of the School of Natural and Social Sciences for the past six years.



# for the university:

"I believe in this institution and truly

appreciate the values and standards SU sets, not only for its students but for its employees as well. As a parent of three children who graduated from this university, I feel that it is my privilege to serve this great institution and give back for all that I have received while employed here."

### A highlight of her time at SU:

"I see countless examples of how Susquehanna is a community much like a family. Faculty and staff are easily accessible and freely interact with students, helping them to prepare for successful lives after they leave college."

### How her work connects to students:

"For a number of years, our office has organized Senior Scholars Day, an event that allows senior students to present their research or other scholarly work to the campus community. It is satisfying to bring them together so they can present their work to a general audience. Each year I realize how important the event is to students and how much they value the opportunity."

L. Terry Winegar, dean of the School of Natural and Social Sciences, says: "Crystal is one of those behind-the-scenes workers who are seldom recognized but whose absence would be immediately apparent. By her work, she makes the university look good every day and look exceptionally good on some days. In addition to exemplary performance of her duties as senior administrative assistant year in and year out, Crystal also makes a significant difference to this university and its success by her substantial contributions to the Claritas Distinguished Lecture in the Sciences program and Senior Scholars Day,"

### Linda Holler Laboratory Technician



Holler was hired for a part-time position in 1993 to handle "duties to be assigned by the department of biology, chemistry and psychology." Although her title has not changed, the scope of her responsibilities has changed quite a bit since then. She has gone from part-time to full-time status, now supports all of the sciences, serves as an EPA auditor and is in charge of all hazardous materials handling in Fisher Science Hall,

What motivates her to work so hard for the university:

"Of course, I would always feel that people should work as hard as possible at any job, but I feel a connection to SU and want to help students and faculty have a successful lab experience. I remember the exciting labs I attended when I was a student here in the '70s. Being an alumna motivates me by making me feel that the university's success is also my success."

### A highlight of her time at SU:

"I am proud of my contribution to the planning of the new science building. I also enjoy the training and work that I have done to bring SU up to modern safety standards in our labs. It has also been quite an experience to have returned here after a number of years and to have had the opportunity to work with professors who taught me as a student. To relate to them as colleagues instead of as a student was a surprising new connection."

### How her work connects to students:

"I work with students every day. They ask me questions about procedures or for help with equipment. I get to know some students very well during their four years here. I especially enjoyed being invited to a wedding of two biology majors that took place in the atrium of Fisher Science Hall a number of years ago. I have also developed close relationships with the students who work for me in various departments."

L. Terry Winegar, dean of the School of Natural and Social Sciences, says: "Linda provides critical support in Fisher Science Hall, both for educational preparation and safety. Her work supports more effective teaching and research, particularly in the departments of chemistry, biology and psychology. Those who work with her on a regular basis consistently refer to her support as invaluable. Through her work supporting science instruction and ensuring workplace safety, Linda makes distinctive and critical contributions to the university and its educational mission."

# 2007-08 WIT Award Winners

The WIT (Whatever It Takes) Awards acknowledge and celebrate exemplary efforts of Susquehanna employees and faculty members who go above and beyond the regular duties associated with their jobs to make a difference. Funded by a gift from Signe S. Gates '71. vice chair of Susquehanna's Board of Trustees, the program allows for peers to nominate individuals for the awards; winners receive a certificate and a monetary award of \$100.

WIT Award winners during the 2007-08 year were the following:

Robin Hart Housekeeper

Angelica Long Administrative Assistant, Financial Aid Dana Kemberling Outgoing Mailroom Manager Charity Cook Academic Assistant, Departments of Modern

Languages, and Philosophy, Religion and

Classical Studies Tim Weston DBA/Technical Analyst, Information Technology

Malcolm Derk

Susan Rambo

Eric Knepp Webmaster, Information Technology Administrative Assistant, Office of the Chaplain Nancy Musser

Former Assistant Director of the Susquehanna

University Fund

Former Administrative Assistant, Office of Human Resources and Risk Management:

Current Senior Administrative Assistant to the Dean of the School of Arts, Humanities

and Communications

Joy Forry Senior Administrative Assistant to the Dean

of the Sigmund Weis School of Business Andrea Popp Academic Assistant, Sigmund Weis School

of Rusiness

Gabe DeMarco Officer, Public Safety Rhelda Brown Mailroom Manager

Jodie Stauffer Administrative Assistant, Center for Career Services and Office of Multicultural Affairs

Stephanie James Senior Administrative Assistant Office

Academic Assistant, Departments of Anthropology Anne Claus

and Sociology, Economics, History and

Cindy Frymover Administrative Assistant, Health Center

Kimberly Councill Assistant Professor of Music Carolyn Yordy Housekeeper The Rev. Mark Wm. Radecke University Chaplain

Dale Ovelman Associate Director of Facilities Sheila Fisher Periodicals/ILL Coordinator

# **Transitions**

# William A. Ward



During his 20-plus years of service to Susquehanna, William Ward became a bit of a legend in the Sigmund Weis School of Business. A recognized authority on business strategy and a national media expert on small-business issues. Ward's career was colored by war stories about his days working in the White House and his experiences in Beijing during the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests.

"Graduates will remember their initial reaction to his intimidating teaching style and the pleasant finding that he was truly interested in them as individuals," says Jerrell Habegger, Allen C. Tressler Professor of Accounting and chair of the departments of Management, and Accounting and Information Systems.

Carl Bellas, the first dean of the Sigmund Weis School of Business, recruited Ward to SU in 1986 to be part of the core faculty who would carry the school to accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), Ward brought a breadth of experience to SU from his days working in the Nixon and Ford presidential administrations. He also served as deputy administrator of the Rural Development Service for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the 1970s, and regularly worked with the departments of Agriculture and Commerce.

During his time at SU, Ward, who held the Alan R, Warehime H'82 Endowed Chair in Business Administration, taught mostly Corporate Strategy, Business and Social Responsibility, and international business courses. "He developed many long-lasting mentoring relationships with students and was particularly influential in assisting those who were interested in military careers." Habegger recalls.

Ward also raised the stature of the business school through his service, both to the university and to his profession. "Over the years, Bill was a valued colleague, a highly regarded teacher and a leader in both the school and professional communities," Habegger says,

In an effort to promote faculty scholarship to the external community, Ward teamed up with Antonin Rusek, associate professor of economics, to create the Opening Bell, a newsletter that was sent to alumni and friends for five years.

During the 1997-98 academic year, Ward served as one of two civilian faculty selected to be distinguished visiting professors at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Ward was later honored by West Point with the Distinguished Public Service Medal, the academy's top civilian award.

He propelled the business school-and Susquehanna as a whole-onto an even larger stage by serving as president of the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (USASBE) and program chair for the international meeting of small-business educators, sponsored by the International Council for Small Business (ICSB), "This international recognition helped to raise the awareness of Susquehanna within the academic community, and Bill's initial interest in small business generated an interest within the school that continues today with a growing entrepreneurship track," Habegger says,

International prestige was just the beginning, though. In the mid-1990s, the business school went global thanks to Ward's assistance. To encourage more business students to study abroad, Bellas devised a plan to create a program overseas. Given Ward's strong interest in international business, he was chosen to develop what became the London Program. Ward and his wife, Melissa, oversaw the first trip to London in 1994 and returned the following year to administer the program again, Habegger says the structure of the current London Program continues to follow the framework Ward established

# Cyril M. Stretansky



After 35 years of service to Susquehanna's music program, Cyril Stretansky, professor of music and director of choral activities, retired his baton at the conclusion of the 2007–08 eademic year. His retirement marked the end of an era\_according to Valerie Martin, dean of the School of Arts, Humantities and Communications.

"Cy Stretansky has had an impact on generations of choral musicians, particularly in the state of Pennsylvania," Martin says. "The breadth of his work has been quite extraordinary, from training countless music educators at Susquehanna and shaping the choral experiences of hundreds of SU vocalists to inspiring high school students in festival choirs and conducting community-based ensembles. As a fellow musician and conductor, I deeply admire the dedication and passion he brought to his work at SU:

The March 7 performance at Carnegie Hall served as a grand farewell to the maestro. "In my retirement year, it added a wonderful glow of satisfaction," Stretansky says of the performance.

Stretansky was particularly moved by the university's outreach to alumni, many of whom said they returned to "sing for Cy" one last time. The familial aura surrounding Carnegie Hall that March evening was indicative of what decades of Susquehanna students experienced under Stretansky's attentive instruction.

Stretansky described his job as being different than that of a lecture professor. "It's not that those professors don't have opportunities to have close relationships with their students." Stretansky says, "but having students in rehearsals and on tour with you, sometimes for as long as four years, you get to know them very well. And they get to know you very well, too..., so it becomes more of a family-oriented thing."

Stretansky's family scrapbook spans more than three decades of choral performances with Susquehanna ninversity's choir, chorale and masterworks chorus, as well as community and international choral groups. For 24 years, he served as music director and conductor of the Susquehanna Valley Chorale and Orchestra.

His experiences as a guest conductor, a choral clinician, an adjudicator and a baritone soloist are extensive and encompass a wide geographical area, including 14 states. Canada, Mexico, France and Italy He has conducted massed festival choirs at such world-renowned locations as St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, St. Mark's Basilica in Vertice and the ancient cathedral of Mexico City. In addition, he has toured Europe four times with the Susquehanna University Choir and once with the university's Symphonic Band. He has also toured Mexico with the choir, which recorded 18 volumes of choral literature under his direction.

in 2001, Susquehanna established the Cyril M. Stretansky Distinguished Professorship in Choral Music. It was the first chair created to benefit the university's fine arts program. The endowed chair funds the director of choral activities position and was held by Stretansky until his retirement.

Throughout his career. Stretansky says he's been driven by "a love of the choral art and wanting students to experience it and produce choral art with the dignity it deserves." He says this love—and the discipline it takes to nurture a career in the fine arts—will carry over into his life after Susquehanna as well.

# **University Highlights**

### SU CASA Honored With Two National Awards

In February, the Susquehanna University Central America Service Adventure (SU CASA) was honored with two awards from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), the preeminent national organization for student affairs in higher education.

The first was the International Best Practice Award for Student Philanthropy, which recognizes internationally based programming sponsored by higher education institutions. The second was the Bronze Award for Excellence, which identified SU CASA as one of the top three programs in the country in the category of Carcers, Academic Support, Service Learning and Community Service. The awards were oresented in March at NASPA has tolonal Conference in Boston.

Since the program's inception in January 1999, more than 240 members of the Susquehanna University community have studied and served with congregations, agencies and residents of impoversible Nicaraguan and Costa Rican communities. Teams have delivered a combined total of more than 3550,000 in untertials and cash gifts, and contributed at least 10,900 hours of volunteer labor.

Led by the Rev. Mark Wm. Radecke, university chaplain, these annual trips are marked by service, cademic learning and reflection. The academic topic, Images of Jesus in Central America, is examined through service to individuals in need.

### SU Receives Grant for Study Abroad Scholarships

Susquehanna University received a grant from the Institute for Study Abroad Foundation (IFSA) to create a new scholarship program for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 academic years. The program, Study Abroad Off the Beaten Path, awards up to \$3,500 toward travel expenses for six Susquehanna students per semester to participate in study abroad programs in Asia, Africa or Latin America.

In return for the scholarship, recipients are expected to "give back" by reporting on their experiences or pronoting the program after their return to the Susquehanna campus. The IFSA grant takes its place among other funding opportunities available to Susquehanna students, allowing them to take full advantage of a curriculum requirement unique in higher education.

The university's new central curriculum requires all students to participate in a cross-cultural experience and complete a reflective course to help them process that experience. The central curriculum is structured so that two of its other requirements—a diversity-intensive course and increased foreign language proficiency—will complement students' cross-cultural experiences. The new curriculum took effect optionally for incoming students last fall. Full implementation is planned for fall 2009.



### Carnegie Hall Performance Kicks Off Sesquicentennial Celebration

Susquehanna University kicked off its sesquicentennial celebration, marking the 150th anniversary of the institution's founding, with a gala performance March 7 by the SU Masterworks Chorus and Orchestra at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

"Music is a vibrant thread woven throughout Susquehanna University's history, so this concert was a fitting inaugural event for our sesquicentennial," says President L. Jay Lemons.

More than 100 alumni performed with the SU Masterworks Chorus under the direction of Cyril Stretansky, professor of music, who retured at the close of the 2007–80 academic year, Jennifer Sacher Wiley, associate professor of music, served as associate conductor. Music faculty Nina Tober, Judith White and David Steinau were featured soloists. A highlight of the evening was the world premiere performance of Rain, River, Son, written by Patrick Long, associate professor of music.

The sesquicentennial celebration extends through the 2009 Commencement. Other events have included the unweiling of a gigantic birthday cake at the Selinsgrove Street Festival in September and a special Homecoming Reunion Weekend in October featuring a sesquicentennial ball, a time capsule ceremony and a sesquicentennial parade.

Susquehanna traces its roots to September 1858, when the Missionary Institute of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Susquehanna Female College held their first classes. Several Pennsylvania communities vied for the university, but Selinagrove town lead-res joined together and won the competition by pledging \$22,000,50 students and the temporary use of the Evangelical Lutheran Church parlor on Market Street for instruction. Competing for the university "was an example of the egalitarian impulse of the American people to create institutions that would foster individual progress regardless of social standing," according to Susapuehama University 1858–2000: A Goodify Herlinge, written by Donald D. Housley, emeritus professor of history. From these humble beginnings, the university has emerged as a national liberal arts college, attracting 2,000 students from 30 states and 12 countries.

### Department of Mathematics Receives Prestigious NSF Grant

Susquehanna University's Department of Mathematics received a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) grant from the National Science Foundation.

The REU grant allows three Susquehanna mathematics professors-Lisa Orloff Clark, Alex Wilce and Jeff Graham-to work with nine undergraduates over three summers in an intensive course of study and a guided-research program in quantum information theory.

Quantum information theory (QIT) is an exciting and rapidly expanding area of mathematical physics, with important links to both pure mathematics and theoretical computer science. The summer research projects have the potential to support both tangible practical applications and deep insights into the nature of quantum theory itself.

The number of NSF grants for REU programs in mathematics is limited, and demand for them is high. Consequently, these programs are extremely selective and include only the best and brightest undergraduates from around the country. Susquehanna students who participated in this summer's program were Catarina Manney of Elysburg, Pa.;



Casey Oliver of State College, Pa.; and Daniel Mease of Port Trevorton, Pa. They joined students from Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa; Haverford College and West Chester University near Philadelphia; Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, Calif.; Boston University; and Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore.

Underscoring the importance of the grant, some of the leading researchers in the field of quantum information theory will visit the Susquehanna campus as part of the program. Guests have included Howard Barnum

of Los Alamos National Laboratory and Christopher Fuchs of the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics.

"We have been given a great opportunity with this grant to put Susquehanna's mathematical sciences department on the map," Clark says. "Not only are math departments all over the country paying attention to what REU programs are being offered, but also the quantum information theory community is excited about what we are doing here."

### Summer Writers Workshop for High School Students Highlighted in Princeton Review

The Princeton Review named the Writers Workshop at Susquehanna University one of the 500 best ways for teens to spend the summer. The workshop is one of only 13 programs from Pennsylvania-and the only one specific to creative writing-listed in the guidebook, which includes summer destinations around the globe.

Now in its 21st year, the Writers Workshop provides talented high school writers the opportunity to work in intensive, small-group settings with nationally recognized authors and members of the creative writing faculty. Sponsored by the Writers Institute at Susquehanna University, the program features instruction in fiction, creative nonfiction and poetry writing. Class sizes are limited to 15 students to ensure close supervision and individual attention.

### SU's Designation as Scholars in Service Site Supports Governor's **Ouality of Life Efforts**

Susquehanna University was named a host campus for the administration of the Scholars in Service to Pennsylvania program last year. The program is a statewide initiative directed by PennSERVE: The Governor's Office of Citizen Service. The first of its kind in the Commonwealth, the program provides a concerted statewide outreach effort to build quality service programs, enhance campus and community collaborations, and offer Pennsylvania college students the opportunity to serve others.

"We were very pleased to partner with PennSERVE and peer institutions across the Commonwealth in this valuable community service endeavor," says President L. Jay Lemons. "Susquehanna's tradition of service dates back to the university's founding 150 years ago and remains an important part of our institutional mission. Our students, faculty and staff serve freely and serve often within the community. The Scholars in Service program is another way for us to engage in this important work,"

The program was developed as part of Gov. Edward G. Rendell's commitment to improving the quality of life in Pennsylvania through education and by enhancing the ability to attract and retain dedicated, young, bright talent to our communities. While the program may address a multitude of locally identified needs, its primary emphasis is on improving the academic achievement of preschool, elementary and secondary students, and expanding college access to more Pennsylvanians.

Susquehanna hosted four Scholars in Service last year. They focused their service efforts in areas of education, disaster relief, relationship building with senior citizens and animal shelter support. In return for their 450 hours of service, they received AmeriCorps Education Awards in the amount of \$1,250 to defray the cost of their college expenses or student loans

# **University Highlights**

### Grant Provides Science Equipment for New Organic Chemistry Lab

Susquehanna University was awarded a \$40,000 grant from the Merck Company Foundation for laboratory equipment that will enhance student research experiences and organic chemistry instruction. The grant will be used to purchase a polarimeter and a preparative-scale High Performance Liquid Chromatograph (HPLC) for an organic chemistry lab in the university's new science facility.

"The scientific instrumentation supported by this grant will help enable Susquehanna University to continue to offer distinctive and excellent undergraduate education in the sciences, particularly organic chemistry," says L. Terry Winegar, dean of the School of Natural and Social Sciences. "The Merck Foundation has long supported those efforts here and elsewhere, and we appreciate their continued support."

The equipment will be used by all sophomores majoring in chemistry, biochemistry and biology, as well as most earth and environmental science majors, as part of a two-semester sequence of courses in organic chemistry. The equipment will also be used for advanced instruction in chemistry and for studentfaculty research.

The polarimeter will be used routinely by students to characterize samples isolated or synthesized in the organic chemistry lab, allowing them to make connections between the lecture and laboratory components of the organic chemistry sequence. The instrument will also be used in courses on inorganic chemistry and instrumental analysis. In the research lab, the instrument will be used to determine the optical activity of new bioactive natural products isolated from rare plants.

The preparative HPLC system has wide applications in chemistry and biochemistry, and will provide students with a means of rapidly separating and purifying molecules. The instrument will be used routinely for the isolation and purification of organic molecules of biological interest from natural products.

The lab equipment purchased through the grant will be housed in Susquehanna's new science facility, the centerpiece of the \$70 million capital campaign Changing Lives, Building Futures. The new state-of-the-art building will house Susquehanna's "wet sciences"-biology, chemistry, and earth and environmental sciences. The facility, which is currently under construction, is expected to open in the fall of 2010

### Grant Aids Research on St. John's Wort and Other Hypericum Species in Pennsylvania

Geneive Henry, assistant professor of chemistry, has undertaken research on five uncharacterized species of Hypericum, which will contribute to the body of research leading to the development of effective drugs for the treatment of cancer and infectious diseases. Last year, Henry received a \$34,980 grant from Research Corp. to further her research on the Hypericum genus, which has 19 species, including perforatum (St. John's wort), growing in Pennsylvania. The award letter notes that "predominantly undergraduate colleges and universities play a leading role in the development of future scientists." Henry's work is no exception.

Like all science faculty at Susquehanna, Henry routinely collaborates with students on her research. The goal of her research is to identify new natural products with in vitro anticancer, antibacterial and antioxidant activities. So far, Henry and her student researchers have isolated several members of a unique class of natural products called PPAPs (polycyclic prenylated acylphloroglucinols), and showed that some of these compounds have the ability to inhibit the growth of human gastric, breast, colon, lung and central nervous system tumor cells in vitro.

Henry is also studying PPAPs' effect on pathogenic bacteria, including Staphylococcus aureus. In the future, Henry and her students will attempt to modify the structures of these active compounds to improve on their biological activity.

Of the 19 species of Hypericum growing in Pennsylvania, only two have been characterized independent of Henry's research. She ultimately hopes to study all 17 uncharacterized species growing in the state.

### Daylong Celebration of Martin Luther King Features Renowned Author and Musician

Author and musician James McBride was the featured speaker and performer at a daylong celebration of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. McBride's speech, titled Our Common Dream, touched upon the search for identity, appreciating cultural differences and making Martin Luther King's dream a reality in America.

A truncated class schedule allowed all university faculty, staff and students to observe Martin Luther King Day as a community.

McBride, an award-winning writer, composer and saxophonist, is probably best known for his landmark memoir, The Color of Water. The book, a New York Times bestseller for two years, is a moving account of McBride's mother, a Jewish woman from Poland who raised 12 black children in New York City and sent each of them to college.

McBride's second book and first novel, Miracle at St. Anna, is the story of a shy African American soldier set in Italy during World War II. It was made into a major motion picture directed by American film icon Spike Lee. McBride's third book, Song Yet Sung, is the highly charged story of an escaped female runaway slave in 1850, who desperately eludes a skilled slave catcher through the treacherous swamps of Maryland's Eastern Shore.

In keeping with King's philosophy of doing for others, Susquehanna students, faculty and staff participated in a number of community service activities that evening. Participants traveled to Selinsgrove Community Library to read to children; to Grayson View Assisted Living and the Manor at Penn Village to visit with guests and participate in singing, games and crafts; and to Ronald McDonald House and Donald Heiter Community Center to cook and serve meals.

Following their community service, they were rewarded with a public concert by McBride's jazz quintet in Stretansky Concert Hall at the Cunningham Center for Music and Art.



### SU Welcomes First Historically Black Fraternity

Susquehanna's first traditionally African American fraternity was established on campus last spring. Phi Beta Sigma was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., Jan. 9, 1914. The founders' goal was to create a group to be "a part of" the general community rather than "apart from" it. They believed members should be judged by their own merits rather than by family background or affluence and with disregard to race, nationality, skin tone and hair texture. They intended for their fraternity to exist as part of an even greater brotherhood devoted to inclusiveness for all.

Phi Beta Sigma has evolved into an international organization that embraces men of all nationalities who believe in the central tenets of brotherhood, scholarship and service. Their motto is Culture for Service and Service for Humanity. Some notable Sigma men are Nelson Mandela, Morgan Freeman, Dr. G. Iggers, Dr. Alain Lerov Locke, who is also the first black Rhodes Scholar, and George Washington Carver.

Charter inductees at Susquehanna were Gregory Jones Ir., a junior business major from Brooklyn, N.Y.; Bobby Bradley, a junior interested in veterinary medicine from East Orange, N.J.; George Livingston, a senior biochemistry major from Lindenwold, N.I.: Victor Taylor, a senior accounting major from South Orange, N.I.; and Alex James, a senior biology major from Baldwin, N.Y.

Phi Beta Sigma joined Sigma Gamma Rho, a traditionally African American sorority that was chartered at SU in February 2007. "This shows the importance of diversity on SU's campus," observes Armenta Hinton, coordinator of multicultural leadership development. "It demonstrates the importance of the entire student experience for all students."

### WQSU Marks 40th Anniversary

WQSU-FM, 88.9 "The Pulse," celebrated its 40th year of broadcasting last year. The radio voice of Susquehanna University, WQSU began broadcasting in 1967 with the intent of serving the public interest and training students in various forms of broadcasting principles and operations.

WQSU, a 12,000-watt stereo station broadcasting to listeners in a 70-mile radius of campus, is the third-most-powerful college radio station and the 10th-most-powerful noncommercial station licensed in Pennsylvania. The nonprofit educational facility is operated by Susquehanna students, faculty and staff and community volunteers under the direction of the Department of Communications. The station's operating expenses are underwritten by the Christopher D. Rooke '82 Endowment for Broadcasting.

# SU in the News

Susquehanna University's faculty, staff, students and programs were featured by a host of media outlets during 2007-08. Some of the placements include the following:

- · Matthew Persons, associate professor of biology, article on spiders being literally scared to death, Philadelphia Inquirer, Oct. 29, 2007
- · Laura Luc '11, article on her Kids of the Arts mentoring program, the (N.J.) Star-Ledger, Nov. 18, 2007
- Fred Grosse, professor of astronomy and physics, articles on astrological explanation for the Star of Bethlehem, Orlando Sentinel blog and ANI via Yahoo!/India News, December 2007
- President L. lay Lemons, op-ed on study abroad providers, University Business magazine, April 2008
- Tammy Tobin-Janzen, associate professor of biology, Jennifer Elick, associate professor and chair of the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences; and other Susquehanna faculty and students, documentary on Centralia mine fire research. ZDF television in Germany, February 2008
- · Helen Nunn, director of financial aid, article on borrowing for college, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Feb. 12, 2008
- Allan Sobel, director of the Arlin M. Adams Center for Law and Society, interactive program on the death penalty, WYOU-TV, March 21, 2008
- · Karla Bohmbach, associate professor of religion, article on spiritual identity, Times-Picayune in New Orleans, June 7, 2008
- · Common Reading Program, higher education reporter Mary Beth Marklein's blog, USA Today, June 2008
- Commencement speech by Pennsylvania Gov. Edward G. Rendell, NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams and the New York Times

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Professor of Philosophy and Chair of

# Coltre of him fork Event

The university hosted a number of cultural and arts events during the 2007–08 academic year. The Lore Degenstein Gallery and programs such as the Artist Series and the Visiting Writers Series showcase master artists, dancers, musicians and writers. Last year's lineup was as follows:

### **Artist Series**

- » Martha Graham Dance Company
- » Orpheus Chamber Orchestra featuring Nikolaj Znaider, violin
  - Claudia Calderón and El Piano Llanero

### Lore Degenstein Gallery Exhibits

- » 60 x 60; Small Prints from Purdue University Galleries
- » Ralph Wickiser: A Retrospective
- » The Harmon and Harriet Kelley Collection of African American Art: Works on Paper
- » Le Salon des Arts M\u00e9nagers (The Household Arts Exhibition): Posters of the Modern French Home 1945–1982

### **Visiting Writers Series**

- Tom Franklin, author of the novels Smonk and Hell at the Breech, as well as "Poachers," winner of the 1999 Edgar Allan Poe Award, and "Grit," which was selected as one of the Best American Mystery Stories in 2002
- » Carolyn Forché, winner of the Yale Series of Younger Poets Award and author of The Country Between Us, the Lamont Selection of the Academy of American Poets
- » James Harms, author of several well-received collections of poetry from Carnegie Mellon University Press and director of the graduate program in creative writing at West Virginia University
- » Bernard Cooper, a widely acclaimed author of both fiction and nonfiction, and winner of the PEN/Hemingway Prize, a Guggenheim Fellowship and an O. Henry Prize
- » Steve Yarbrough, author of several novels, including Prisoners of War, a finalist for the PEN/Faulkner Award
- » Enid Shomer, editor of the University of Arkansas Press Poetry Series and author of several books of poetry and short fiction, including Imaginary Men, winner of the John Simmons Short Fiction Award

# **Financial Highlights**

# Summary

Susquehanna University's financial results reflected strong operations and gift activity but with negative investment performance similar to that experienced across the higher education landscape.

The institution's net assets decreased by \$5,144,000 to \$216,032,000. The decrease reflected \$1,799,000 in positive operating margin and a negative \$6,943,000 in nonoperating activities. Nonoperating activities were negative in spite of \$5,260,000 in capital and endowment gifts due to \$11,648,000 in negative investment performance in the endowment and in similar assets.

At June 30, 2008, Susquehanna's endowment totaled \$118,609,000, with another \$53,319,000 in operating cash, restricted cash, reserves and unspent borrowings outside of the endowment.

The institution's cash and near-cash position provides it with the flexibility to respond to both opportunities and challenges. This flexibility sets Susquehanna apart from many other institutions.

Michael A. Coyne Vice President for Finance

and Treasurer

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	2008	2007
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$11,930,806	\$7,475,023
Contributions receivable, net	10,378,989	10,181,480
Accounts receivable, net	1,305,743	1,305,446
Inventories and prepaid expenses	1,091,877	1,055,553
Student loans receivable, net	3,386,140	3,001,708
Investments	153,393,795	161,986,695
Deposits with trustees under debt agreements	2,744,740	11,014,109
Funds held in trust by others	3,132,644	3,251,690
Other assets, net	2,022,854	1,835,118
Property, plant and equipment, net	87,574,965	80,148,523
Total assets	\$276,962,553	\$281,255,345

# LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Total liabilities	\$60,931,051	\$60,079,559
Funds held in custody for others	1,448,859	1,369,183
U.S. government advances refundable	1,858,370	2,153,658
Long-term debt	44,138,008	45,090,980
Annuities payable	1,444,483	1,446,791
Student deposits and other liabilities	3,485,477	3,764,361
Accounts payable and other accrued expenses	\$8,555,854	\$6,254,586
Liabilities		

#### Net assets

\$216,031,502	\$221,175,786
53,707,848	51,601,508
52,028,538	59,273,692
\$110,295,116	\$110,300,586

2008	2007

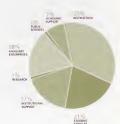
### OPERATING REVENUES AND OTHER ADDITIONS

stal operating revenues and other additions	\$60,947,604	\$56,371,813
Auxiliary enterprises	12,596,681	11,357,94
Other sources	1,185,864	887,58.
Investment income	1,953,357	3,139,48
Endowment income	4,495,853	4,060,99
Private gifts and grants	3,082,464	2,521,59
Government grants	1,796,152	1,618,39
Net tuition and fees	35,837,233	32,785,81
Less scholarships and grants	(22,838,156)	(20,526,144
Tuition and fees	\$58,675,389	\$53,311,95

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### OPERATING EXPENSES

Change in net assets from operating activities	\$1,798,761	\$1,687,817
Total operating expenses	\$59,148,843	\$54,683,996
Institutional support	10,250,535	9,405,144
Auxiliary enterprises	10,569,253	10,100,102
Student services	12,709,929	11,517,382
Academic support	4,503,842	3,879,347
Public services	463,889	436,827
Research	192,412	273,931
Instruction	\$20,458,983	\$19,071,263
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\$(11,647,844)	\$17,033,786
(555,270)	78,259
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#### Careers:

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Leona—Retired communication arts teacher

#### Gifts

Cyril Stretansky Distinguished Chair in Choral Music and various scholarship and prize funds, the Artist Series, capital projects, the library and the Susquehanna University Fund

How long we've supported SU: Since 1979

#### Why giving to SU is important to us:

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The Benjamin Kurtz Society is named in honor of Susquehanna's founder and first president. It recognizes the generous donors who provide leadership gifts to Susquehanna. The Benjamin Kurtz Society includes the Gold Circle, honoring those who annually contribute \$5,000 to \$9,999; the Silver Circle, distinguishing those who annually contribute \$2,500 to \$4,999; and the Benjamin Kurtz Society, distinguishing those who annually contribute \$1,000 to \$2,499. We also recognize Decade Members—graduates of the past 10 years whose leadership gifts qualify them for special membership. You will find their names listed in italics on the following pages. Susquehanna is deeply grateful to the members of the Benjamin Kurtz Society for their generosity.

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#### Gifts:

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How long we've supported SU:



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### Why giving to SU is important to us:

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#### Donor Profiles

# **Kate Hastings**

Hometown: Milton, Pa.

#### Career

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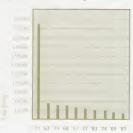
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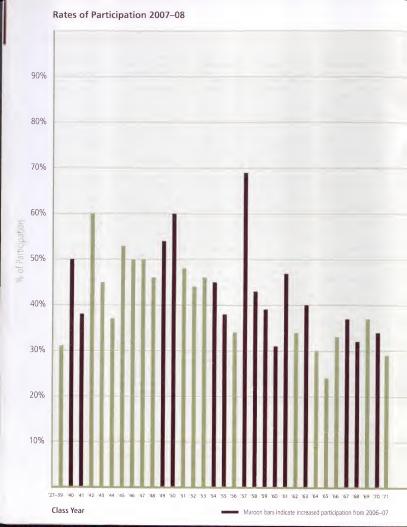
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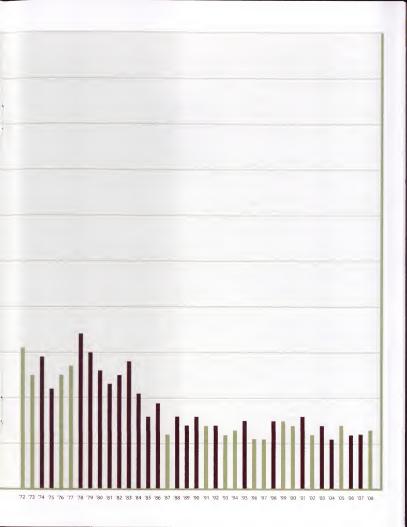
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Career:

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Gift:

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How long I've supported SU: Since 2007



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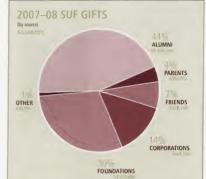
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How long I've supported SU: Since graduation in 1998

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Total Gifts: \$5,259.87 SUF Gifts: \$4,667.93 Number of Donors: 58 Participation Rate: 15%

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Kurtz Society Gold Circle	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
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# Thank You

# **Reunion Scholars**

Members of last year's reunion classes, from 1957 through 2002, contributed to the Reunion Scholarship Fund, which gave money to support the education of 10 sophomores at Susquehanna. Award decisions were made based on academic performance and financial need.

"The scholarships provide needed funding to enable students to pursue their academic careers at Susquehanna," says Helen Nunn, director of financial aid.

The award creates links between enrolled students and previous graduates. "It provides an opportunity for alumni to give back" and to immediately see the results of their gifts, through the successes of the students who receive this support," Nunn says.

Below is a list of the reunion scholars and their sentiments about receiving the scholarships.



Class of 1957 Scholar

Marisa Dadurka

Hometown: Forty Fort, Pa

"Receiving a scholarship is an honor to any student. I am so lucky to have received such an honor, and I continue to strive towards success and persist with



Class of 1962 Scholar

Anthony Deturo
Hometown: Roslyn, Pa.

"The reunion scholarship is a reward for my hard work and dedication to my studies. It also inspires me to continue to receive good grades and to give back to the community, like the school has given back to me."



Class of 1967 Scholar

# Coty Everitt Hometown: Watsontown, Pa. Major: Communications

"I am one of the first to benefit from a great new fund that graciously offers me aid for the increasing cost of college. It is an honor for which I am most grateful."



#### Class of 1972 Scholar

Shayna Freed Hometown: Vestal, N.Y. Major: Communications

"This scholarship shows me how much the alumni of this school love Susquehanna and continue to support the students of the SU community. Thank you!"

Class of 1977 Scholar



"I would like to thank all of those who made it possible for students like me to afford an education at such a wonderful ing every day to achieve what it is for which I strive."



Class of 1982 Scholar

# Caleb Heisey

"There are often times when the work that all of my hard work and dedication was worth it, and I am more determined



# Allyson Hemma

Hometown: Danville, Pa. Major: Creative writing

connect with present students, which is a wonderful thing. I am truly thankful for the chance to come back another year, because I wasn't going to be able to



#### Class of 1992 Scholar

than ever to keep it up."

Adam Krushinskie Hometown: Shamokin Pa

to get the funding that I need to stay



#### Amy Merholz Hometown: Solon, Ohio Major: Business

"Changing Lives, Building Futuresthat is what SU has done for me already in my short time here. Receiving this scholarship from SU graduates who were once in the same place I am today made me realize that this act of generosity

will one day continue through me. It will be my responsibility to provide the next generations with the same opportunity I am being given, to build their future and change their lives forever."



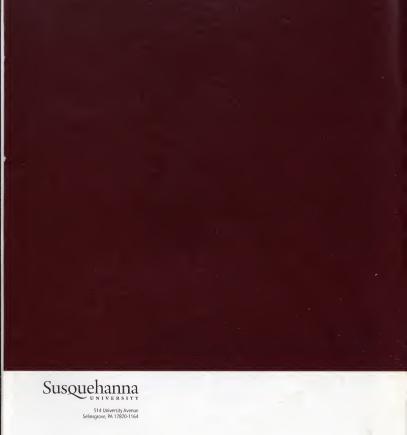
#### Class of 2002 Scholar

# Bruce Osborn

Hometown, Savre, Pa.

"This scholarship means that what I've been doing so far at SU has meant enough to someone else to try to help me achieve whatever goals I have for my life."





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# The First Word

By L. Jay Lemons, President



President L. Jay Lemons

As another academic year closes, and we prepare for Commencement, the sense of anticipation, excitement and hope that ordinarily pervades the campus this time of year is tempered by two related concerns—the uncertain employment outlook facing our graduates and the difficulties facing institutions of higher education. The obvious-link between the two is—the economy.

Let me focus first on our graduating students. Despite the challenges they will undoubtedly face, I am confident they will be well prepared for the next step in their journey. The value of a Susquehanna education is that we not only emphasize the intellectual and critical-thinking skills typically found at a liberal arts institution, but we also teach students practical skills that prepare them for today's marketplace. So I expect that our students will be well positioned to pursue jobs in their related field, even in a difficult economy, And for those who decide to pursue graduate degrees, I am equally aradiatent that the anademic preparation and schall vegerateries they recoved here will put them alread of their peers from these fine institutions.

After all, when it comes to postgraduate placement, history is on our side. Within six months of leaving here, 96 percent of our alumni find themselves in jobs or in graduate school. By anyone's measure, that is an impressive record.

Turning to the concerns of the institution, I remain hopeful but also realistic. Like every other college and university, we have been affected by the recession. The value of Susquehanna's endowment has declined about 40 percent, and operating costs are lawreading at the same time.

Although the Changing Lives, Building futures campaign has exceeded as percent of the ST million campaign goal—a milesione that it made each and every dozen for bitaline us with the maniful furus series the content have been our lived and out is no exception. Each feasible at using from last year, as is alumni participation. We are very grateful for the many people who understand that their gifts matter even more today and have found a way to reach further in their stewardship of Susquebanna.

The effect of this turbulent economy on Susquehanna's budget, both short and long term, is significant. Yet Susquehanna retainsconsiderably more fiscal strength than some other institutions. This will allow us not only to sustain but also to strengthen the academic program in the years ahead.

Because we are committed to providing students a first-rate education, we are moving ahead with important projects already underway. Seven new faculty members will be hired to fully implement senior capstone experiences and to support the implementation of the new Central Curriculum, which places an even greater emphasis on critical learning goals for our students.

We are excited about a unique piece of our west control was the control was a cross-control program that we are saling GO, where is short for Global Opportunities. This is made in the control was a control with the control was a control with the control was a control with the control was a control was a control was a control with the control was a co

within these pages, will require every student entering this fall to have an undergraduate cross-cultural experience away from campus, either in the United States or abroad. A cross-cultural experience is designed to take students out of their everyday environment. In recent months we have received national attention for this program, in part because we are choosing to expand study-away opportunities while many other schools are retreating for frameast energies.

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## Letters from the Susquehanna Community

#### Alumni Encounters: Kindred Souls a Generation Apart

Long Beach, Calif., feels light years away from Selinsgrove, Pa. Who would have guessed that I would run into someone who is not only a transplant from New Jersey like me but also a Susquehanna graduate?

Mary Lou Slater'51 Barron happened to be the subject of my first freelance writing assignment for a community newspaper in Long Beach. I was interviewing her about her memoir, Remembering the Forgetting, which describes her use of art as a means of coping with her parents' Alzheimer's disease. How delighted we were to discover our shared history.

Interest in Slater's art runs high, and she has enjoyed being interviewed by Johnny Carson on The Tonight Show as well as other programs, including Visiting with Huell Houser on PBS. She has become known as 'The Lint Lady. While working at her art career, she also taught college-level design classes for 25 years

As I shared news of my post-SU life with Barron, we began chatting about our college experiences. Much had changed between 1947 and 1981, and even more has changed since then

Barron lived in Hassinger Hall as a freshman, Seibert Hall as a sophomore and junior, and in the Honor Cottage on Faculty Row (called Cottage Row during my time) as a senior. I was a freshman in Seibert Hall in 1981, which then was solely for freshman women. Hassinger was solely for freshman men The cottages, however, still existed, and I have fond memories of them, particularly of the English faculty cottage with its mimeograph machine!

Off-campus activities were different in the 1950s and 1980s as well. "Hardly anyone had a car," Barron recalls. "But when we felt rich, we went to a restaurant downtown for 'pissers' (steamed claims). There was no mall in the area, but there was one movie house. I saw Gone With the Wind there for the first time."

Only upperclassmen were allowed to have cars on campus in the '80s, but there was a bus downtown that went to the nearby mall, along a portion of Routes 11 and 15 known as "The Strip." The Strip didn't exist in the 1950s.

When I attended my 20th reunion a few years ago, I couldn't believe how much had changed. Cottage Row is gone. There are new brick buildings, and the gym and track have been remodeled.

The empty field on the other side of the railroad tracks behind Aikens, where guys used to play rugby, now contains a dorm. Across the street are two sports fields. There's also a baseball field by New Men's (a.k.a. West Hall), where we used to play Frisbee and go "traying" (on meal trays from the cafeteria) when it snowed.

But regardless of how progress alters the appearance of SU, it remains a blast to recount memories with friends and alumni. How wonderful it was for Barron and me to encounter one another and reminisce about our Susquehanna experiences.

~ K. Joy Wood '85

#### Letters to the Editor Policy

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and foremost, we are taking a number of steps to control expenses. Several discretionary capital projects have been deferred, and all hiring requests will be evaluated against strategic goals. We are also examining all budgets with an eye toward capturing as much as \$1 million in savings while at the same time protecting employment, benefits and strategic, safety and health initiatives. More specifically, administrative offices have been asked to reduce their operating budgets by at least 10 percent. To protect the heart of the academic and student experience, a 5 percent reduction was requested from the academic and student life divisions.

In many ways, the earth continues to move under our feet. As we look ahead, it is impossible to say how long this global recession will last and how deep it will be. This uncertainty creates great anxiety and fear. A few weeks ago, a Susquehanna graduate from the class of 1977 visited campus to talk about his experiences as a successful business entrepreneur. He shared with our students the fears and anxiety he experienced following graduate school. It was the early 1980s, another period fraught with extraordinary economic challenges, "The only thing I knew then was that I was prepared to succeed in navigating whatever would happen because of Susquehanna University," he told the current crop of students. "And I continue to know that today."

The value of a Susquehanna education will continue to increase in the years ahead, and the contributions of our alumni as citizen leaders will be ever greater. Working prudently and thoughtfully together and keeping a fundamental focus on our students, we will find our way through this fiscal storm with a newly forged strength.



# GOING

# Building Blocks of a 21st Century Education

By Betsy Robertso

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"SUSQUEHANNA'S CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCE is the first of its kind in many ways," says Scott Manning, director of cross-cultural and off-campus programs and associate professor of French.

Three years ago Goucher College became the first college to require all students to study abroad. But unlike students at Goucher and colleges with similar programs, Susquebanna students may choose to study abroad or at a location within the United States. The programs feetibility also allows a student's experience to be very individualized.

Susquehams students will submit a proposal making a case for how and why their chosen expertence is cross-cultural for them. "Someone from a small town, for example, can have a very meaningful, two-week learning experience at an inner-city program, and vice vers. It helps students see themselves and their own culture more clearly while learning about someone else's." Manning says.

In another unique aspect of the program, students will receive credit only after completing a reflection seminar on their experience. "The faculty decided early on that we didn't want to give credit just for going somewhere, but for critical reflection on the experience. That's the academic component and something that other schools have praised us for," says Manning.

"By making off-campus study a requirement, we're committed to providing aid to students whether they choose a two-week seminar in Australia, a mission trip to New Orleans, Belize or Nicaragua, or a semester in London or Macau." For semester-long study-abroad programs approved by the university, the cost of fuition will be the same as Susquehanna's. All costs—including tuition, room, board and travel—are eligible for financial aid for those with demonstrated need.

Another unique component of the Cross-Cultural Requirement is that students will have to complete an on-campus Diversity-Intensive Course before their off-campus travel. The intent is to help students make the connections between America's multicultural society and international cross-cultural experiences.

A second Diversity-Intensive Course will be taken—most



Scott Manning, director of cross-cultural and off-campus programs and associate professor of French

likely in the student's major-to encourage the understanding of diversity issues in a more practical, applied manner.

"The biggest clamor for diversity courses came from students," says Associate Professor of Biology Margaret Peeler. who chairs the university's Curriculum Committee. "They understand that the world they'll be living and working in will be different from what many of them have experienced.

The requirement sprang from the faculty's recognition that this challenge in 2005 when it began a multiyear, campuswide

"Knowing is one thing," adds Alma Clayton-Pedersen,



Claire Potorack '09 helps rebuild the flood-rayaged Gulf Coast during

Adds Thomas W. Martin, assistant professor of religion and a member of the Curriculum Committee, "Traditionally a general education curriculum is 100- and 200-level courses that you take as a freshman or sophomore. But our Central Curriculum is important through all four years so that students don't get the idea that 'I get it done my freshman year and then I'm done." He explains that the central issues continue to be important and are integrated into the majors,

some cases, criminal behavior. What better time to teach all students crucial lessons about the need for honesty and integ-

"We are living in a world where ethics has been downplayed, as evidenced by corporate executives thinking they

majors for the past 20 years. But beginning with the Class of 2013, all students will take an introductory course to understand the implications of ethical questions in life and saciety. They also will choose an Ethics-Intensive Course that will delve into ethical reasoning and analysis by working through real-world scenarios. This ensures that students will be grounded in the theory and also know how to apply it when faced with ethical dilemmas.

Is a 2007 STUDY commissioned by the AAC&U, more than 70 percent of employers surveyed say American higher education should do more to emphasize students' teamwork skills in diverse group settings, critical thinking and analytical reasoning skills, ability to effectively communicate orally and in writing, and ability to apply knowledge and skills to real-world settings.

Those are all areas that a Susquehanna education has emphasized for many years, but the new curriculum takes those goals a step further by requiring intensive coursework in intellectual skills, often in the student's major. All students will take two Writing-Intensive Courses, an Oral-Intensive Course and a Team-Intensive Course.



Murrel Langley '08 discusses her research at Senior Scholars Day, an annual event highlighting the academic achievements of seniors.

"In a national context, Susquehanna's approach to curriculum reform can serve as a model for other liberal arts colleges and underscore the need for a practical liberal education—one that meets the challenges of this new century."

—Alma Clayton-Pedersen, vice president for education and institutional renewal for the Association of American Colleges and Universities

Professor of Communications Beverly Romberger elaborates: "Susquehanna has always recognized that our students will be giving presentations, reports and specehes throughout their lives. Many students take Public Speaking through the communications department, but it hasn't been a requirement. Now different departments will teach oral presentation skills so that someone majoring in biology, for example, can learn not only content organization and delivery, but other information unique to how a biologist gives a presentation." STUDENTS WILL ALSO TAKE an interdisciplinary course after their sophomore year. "Once students reach their third or fourth year, they're more mature and ready to progress from concrete ways of thinking." Martin says. He teaches Science and Religion, a course that was first offered as a pilot last spring.

"One of the most challenging things I try to get them to think about is the concept of the soul in light of what we know from neuroscience," Martin says. "Students show a lot of resistance to rethinking the traditional ways of conceptualizing the soul. There are a lot of challenges that come out of cognitive sciences, and its important that they struggle with that."

Greg Trout '10, who majors in chemietry and physics and minors in mathematics, took Martin's Class jast spring. "Every day blew your mind. The already decently versed in relativity and quantum mechanics and stuff for an undergrad, so that didn't shock me, but I was constantly learning about all these sclentists who had radical and amazing views of God and how He worked. Everyone has their perceptions tossed around in the driver in that class."

He adds, "The liberal arts model isn't always fun when I'm up the typing a paper for a sociology class, for example, but in the end, I think it's better to know and understand at least the basics of other schools of thought. You can't have just one frame of reference in the real world. You have to try to meet people halfway and understand where they're coming from." ~

Web Extra: Watch a video of student experiences abroad at www.susqu.edu/currents/coverstory.htm.



### By Betsy K. Robertson

Provost and Dean of Faculty Linda McMillin credits the relative youth and enthusiasm of the faculty with engineering Susquehanna's innovative approach to a 21st century education. "Our faculty embraces the new curriculum because they wrote it," she says. "And they came at it in an uncommon way—not by asking how can we improve the current curriculum, but what is it that we want students to know, to walk away with upon graduation?"

Shifting the focus of that single question revolutionized the university's approach to curriculum reform by conceptualizing it around learning outcomes rather than silos of subject matter.

"In a national context, Susquehanna's approach to curriculur reform can serve as a model for other liberal arts colleges and underscore the need for a practical liberal education one that meets the challenges of this new century," says Alma Clayton-Pedersen, vice president for education and institutional renewal for the Association of American Colleces and Universities.

The multiyear project recognized that everyone at Susquehanna contributes to student learning. Susquehanna faculty led the assessment but involved the entire university community in a collaborative, bottom-up fashion.

"All faculty, administrators and hourly staff have a stake in ensuring that they help students reach agreed-upon learning goals, whether in the classroom, in a campus work environment or in a social context," says President L. Jay Lemons. "Susquehanna's combination of liberal arts and professional programs, with its cross- and multidisciplinary curriculum, created natural pathways for rich discussion about assessment."

Margaret Peeler, associate professor of biology and chair of the Curriculum Committee, recalls a crystallizing event duriing a fail 2005 brainstorming workshop attended by faculty, staff, board members and students. 'Mitchele DeMary [assodate professor of political calence] suggested that everyonewrite down on a sticky note the one important attribute that a graduate should have. Then we each attached our note to a life-sized cutout of a graduate that Mark Fertig lassistant professor of art had created and which we were to visualize walking across the stage at Commencement."

This seemingly simple exercise with "Sticky Grad," as the cutour came to be known, kicked off several months of campuswide discussion that resulted in a set of university learning goals approved by the faculty in the spring of 2006. They also were endorsed by the Student Government Association and the Student Life Division. According to the Central Curriculum,

The learning goals articulate a vision of Susquehanna University students as confident, liberally educated persons who are committed to the engoing processes of cross- and multidisciplinary education, who are capable of thinking not only in terms of their major area, but from the perspectives of other disciplines as well, and who bring together all facets of their educational experience in order to frame a way of thinking about their vocations, their major area of study, and their lives as a means to achievement, leadership and service in the world.

The four main goals further state that SU graduates should possess

- an awareness of the creative, natural, societal and cultural forces that shape the world around them; an integrated set of intellectual skills;
- a mature understanding of self —mind, body and spirit;
- · an integrated sense of personal ethical responsibility.

assistant rotes of interpolar montas as he's asked to recall the pithy way he rephrased the goals. "They can be categorized generally as know a lot, think well and be a good person."

Each proposed or existing course must demonstrate how it specifically supports one or more of the student learning goals—and subgoals—before it can be approved.

How will the faculty assess the new curriculum? Perhaps in a way similar to how they revolutionized its creation—by having focused conversation with one another about the quality of teaching and learning that's taking place at Susquehanna. A Committee for the Central Curriculum Intends to facilitate that dialogue to ensure that Susquehanna University graduates benefit from a premier liberal arts education for many vears to come. ~

Betsy Robertson is a local public relations consultant and contributor to Susquehanna Currents

# From the Brink

DANIELLE KEENER MACGUIRE TAKES BACK THE NIGHT

By Gerald S. Cohen

THE HOME IN MALVERN, on Philadelphia's Main Line, is a modest two-story affair on a quiet street, nestled amid a cluster of rental units surrounded by trees and plantings. Inside one of the units, Danielle Keener '03 MacGuire and her husband, Kevin, are feeding 1-year-old Aydia.

Aydia is a mess. Peas and corn are scattered around the table and pasted to her bib. A few morsels make it to the intended destination, but for the most part she appears to be winning the battle of the evening feeding ritual. She is very pleased with herself, smiling and laughing as her parents try to coax more food into her.

Danielle, a 27-year-old therapist who works at a local hospital with addicted and mentally ill individuals, looks up and says she will be just a moment. She turns to Kevin, a 29-year-old information technology professional, and asks him to prepare Aydia for bedtime. Kevin, her husband of three years, gently lifts the baby and carries her upstairs for the next stage of the ritual.

The scene is one of domestic tranquility, a young family beginning a lifelong journey together. "I like it here," Danielle says, settling into a living room chair. "I feel safe in this town. That's obviously important to me."



NINE YEARS AGO, Danielle and Dan Zapp, then a student at Carnegie Mellon University, were victims of a brutal crime.

Danielle, a native of Goldsboro in York County, Pa., and Dan, from Bethlehem, Pa., were on a second date. It was Saturday, Jan. 8, an unseasonably warm day. The two had plans to meet friends later in the afternoon but had a few hours to while away. Wearing only light jackets, they walked from Danielle's parents' home to a marina and park on the Susquehanna River, where they strolled along the bank and skipped stones across the river. It was nearing 3 p.m. when a man got out of a red pickup truck with his dog, a Rottweiler named Sam. He engaged the two in small talk about his dog and other things. "He seemed pleasant enough but a little bit strange," Danielle recalls. It was apparent he had been drinking, and after a few minutes, he asked them if they needed a ride. They politely declined, and the man got back into his truck and drove away

The two continued to walk down the road, and as the sun began to lower in the sky, they turned back. Nobody else was in the park now. They saw the same pickup truck re-enter the park and watched as it drove by. They picked up their pace but a few minutes later heard the truck returning from behind. In an instant, it pulled up alongside and then suddenly wered sharply toward them, blocking the road ahead. William Babner—a 40-year-old with previous convictions for drunken driving, welfare fraud and marijuana dealing—jumped out, pointed a handgun at the two and ordered them into the truck. He forced Dan into the covered bed with his dog and made Danielle sit in the cab with him.

William Babner in a police mug shot

Babner steered out of the park and proceeded to take them on a 12-mile journey. Under the influence of a strange cocktail of tranquilizers, anti-depressants, stimulants and alcohol, Babner spoke to Danielle in tones that alternated between extreme anger and apology. He explained that he was kidnapping them



Babner's red pickup truck

because her father owed someone money. He said it was not his intention to hurt them, just to collect ransom, but that he

would kill them if they tried to get away. It was a crazy story that made no sense, and it became apparent to Daniële that he had no idea who they were when he drove them right past her house. She caught her little brother's eye and saw her stepfather, and discreetly tried to gesture to them, but they passed in a whir.

Eventually Babner and his captives ended up on a bumpy, unpaved road in a remote wooded area in East Manchester Township along the river's bank. It was now dusk and cold. Babner raped Danielle repeatedly, then ordered the two out of the truck and told them to walk toward the river. With their backs to him, they heard the gun go off. "Dan fell right in front of me. Blood was coming from his mouth. I thought, 'CK, we're going to die.' I got I thought, 'CK, we're going to die.' I got I thought, 'CK, we're going to die.' I got I thought, 'CK, we're going to die.' I got to die.' I got the control of the

I thought, 'OK, we're going to die.' I got down on my knees; Dan and I said goodbye and said we loved each other. I suddenly felt a lot of pressure in my head, and then everything went dark."

The next thing she remembers was waking in the cold river. She could not move her left leg. She was bleeding from her mouth, spitting out teeth, and her tongue was severed. She spied Dan in the river, and they began swimming toward each other. Dan was a certified lifesaver, and he was able to keep her alloat as she struggled in the cold current. When they looked back to the shore, they noticed Babner watching them. Dan told her to play dead. Eventually Babner, convinced that he had killed them, got back in his truck and drove off.

The two drifted down the river and were spotted by a duck hunter who waded into the water and grabbed Dan's hand. He pulled them to shore, and they were able to explain they had been shot. The hunter told them to remain there while he got help. He ran to the road, flagged down a red pickup truck and returned. When Danielle and Dan saw the truck approaching, they believed incorrectly that Babner had returned and began wading back into the water. But the men jumped out and were able to assure them that they were there to help. Danielle remembers them draping her with a coat, the ambulance armyring, hot blankets and then darkness.

The Two spent the next six weeks in York Hospital, Danielle had been shot through the jaw and thigh, and Dan had been shot in the back of the neck and cheek. The bullet had just missed his carotid artery. The cold river, because it helped clot their blood, had actually saved their lives. During the lengthy recovery, Danielle's doctors placed a steel plate in her shattered jaw and wired her mouth shut. Danielle and Dan were discharged from the hospital the same day, lucky to be alive.

Babner was arrested 48 hours after leaving them for dead. Dan was able to give the police a vivid description of Babner, what he was wearing, his dog's name, the contents of the truck and other details critical to the investigation. On Sunday, Dan's description helped the police track down and trace the truck to a man who owned a Rottweiler named Sam. The next morning, a SWAT team surrounded Babner's house, where he was staying with a girlfriend and her children. After she left

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in York County history. The prosecutor, Edward Paskey, said later, "We had every item of forensic evidence a prosecutor could possibly want to try a case. The only thing we didn't have was a videotape of the event. But Dan and Danielle gave the jury their account, which was better than a tape."

Wiles AD, MILL & Heart Car to Susonely one in had been forever changed, but she wanted somehow to get it back on track. "I was excited about going back to school, but I was nervous. My home and family were my safe haven."

Her sister, Cassy Keener '01 Gulden, was close by throughout the ordeal. Her friends from the Class of 2003-roommate Elizabeth Martin, Kate Herman, Jesse Eaton, Jennifer Witowski, Sara Mainhart Brown and Sarah Kiemle-all knew what had happened. It was a tight circle that had visited her during her initial recovery, a group that guarded her privacy and watched over her throughout her undergraduate years.

Martin remembers the early weeks of Danielle's re-entry. "We weren't sure what to expect when she came back," she says. "There were definitely good days and bad days. We just tried to be patient and to listen when she needed us."

Others were helpful as well. The late E. Raymond "Padre" Shaheen, special assistant to the president, spent many hours with Danielle, Joel Cunningham, then the president of the university, had written to her when she was in the hospital and offered her whatever assistance she felt she would need. The campus counseling office worked with her weekly over the next two years, which Danielle says was absolutely essential to her recovery. And the few on the faculty who knew what had

someone recovering," says Klotz, chair of the psychology department. "She was in no way a victim. You would expect someone who has been through that kind of experience to be more reserved, somewhat suspicious of other people. She was never that. She was friendly and outgoing and seemed to expect the best out of people instead of the worst."

The adjustment, nevertheless, was difficult. One night when she was returning from the library Danielle mistook a maintenance worker for Babner. She bolted and ran all the way back to her dormitory room, where she flung herself onto her bed and sobbed into a pillow, "There were just moments like that," she says.

Around her, college students were acting like college



Dan Zapp and Danielle Keener on their first date

students. Her friends were going to fraternity parties, socializing, mixing hard work with hard play. "In some ways I had anger and jealousy. I wondered how my friends could do these things and be so naive. I was 19 at the time, but I no longer had the childhood naiveté. I had so much fear, I mean so much fear. Even though it was such a small, safe campus, I was very scared at night," Her life was like that until she decided one evening to take back the night.

IN HER SOPHOMORE YEAR, Danielle joined WomenSpeak. The organization had gained traction among students not only as an effective support network for those who had experienced trauma, but also as a means to educate young women and men about identity and sexual assault. She was intrigued by the

"The day after I testified, my therapist said to me, 'The next time you share your story, it will be because you choose to do so.' Take Back the Night was that night."

One of the signature events of the organization was Take Back the Night, an annual gathering that allowed participants to share their deeply personal experiences with others.

In preparation for the event, students would paint messages on T-shirts and hang them on clotheslines around the cafeteria walls.

In April 2001, members of WomenSpeak closed off the dining room in Degenstein Campus Center to prepare for Take Back the Night. Danielle decided to attend but had no idea what would happen to her that night. After an invited speaker sat down, members of the audience stepped up to an open microphone and told their own stories. Without planning it, Danielle felt herself approaching the microphone.

"Somewhere along the way I got this pit in my stomach

and knew I had to go up. I gave a short version of what happened to me and how great it was to hear all of the other stories. I remember crying when I sat down. A lot of the people in the room, even members of WomenSpeak, had no idea what had happened to me because I just didn't talk about it that much."

Martin says her roommate's coming of was unexpected but compelling. "It was very emotional because she was so inspired and eloquent. For her, it was therapeutic to talk about it. And she knew that she was helping people."

Danielle says Take Back the Night was a marker in her life. Throughout the criminal trial the previous year, she had been forced to speak about her rape. "The day after I testified, my therapist said to me, 'The next time you share your story, it will be because you choose to do so.' That was very empowering. Take Back the Night was than tight." DANIELLE'S TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE in line years ago has been lifealtering in many ways. She came to Susquehanna thinking she wanted to be a communications major, but decided when she returned in her sophomore year that she wanted to shift her focus to psychology. Two years later, she had proven herself to be an excellent, committed student. Her department awarded her a certificate of merit for being an outstanding senior. Mary Muolo, who was a nontraditional student and now works in University Relations, was part of Danielle's senior project team. "She was mature beyond her years, which is probably why we got along so well."

With guidance from Klotz, Danielle decided to pursue a graduate degree in social work. She was accepted to the University of Pennsylvania and Bryn Mawr College, and chose Bryn Mawr. "I wrote her letters of recommendation for graduate school," Klotz says. "She was a very strong candidate. In her statement, she expressed her passion for putting to use her experience in helping others through trauma. She had this massive strength. Maybe around her friends she let some of the insecurity show, but certainly I never saw anything but someone who was in charge."

In addition to her counseling work, Danielle does speaking engagements at college campuses, law enforcement agencies and at professional conferences. "When I speak, I share what happened, and when I talk with professionals I talk about what halped and what didn't," she says. "I also talk about what could be done better. I tend to talk a lot about the importance of allowing survivors to gain, control over their lives."



Babner kidnapped the young couple in Goldsboro and later left them for dead near Gut Road 12 miles downiver.

Carnegie Mellon and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh. Today he is married and earning a doctorate degree in psychology at George Mason University. He and Danielle remain close and call each other every year on the anniversary

a snowy day in January. She appeared on the Biography June 2006, and not long after the incident she was interviewed

Some may wonder why she continues to open old wounds. know that they have a voice; to let people know that you can have a life and live beyond trauma. My life is separated by the learned how to integrate it and realize that it is a part of who I am. I try to be a voice of hope for some people who might be

Gerald S. Cohen is assistant vice president for communications.



Carpelle with husband, Paris, and daughter, Avdia, in their Malvern, Pa., hone

Photo by Richard Quinds





## A HISTORIC INAUGURATION **BECOMES AN OCCASION** FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

IT WAS 2:30 A.M. ON JAN. 20 When Berkeley Chapman '11 arrived at the Nato her hotel room, where she could better hear Obama's moving speech. But not

"We saw history being made," says Chapman, president of the SU College Democrats. "You could feel electricity in the air and a sense of togetherness.

munity via a taped message. The confluence of the two events-the celebration black president—was especially poignant for her. "What a wonderful occurman with my same racial makeup is inaugurated into the highest office in our country," she said in the taped address.

As the daughter of a black man and a white woman, she noted that the events of is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root.

THE OPPORTUNITY FOR Chapman to attend the inauguration resulted from her participation as a high school student in the National Youth Leadership Forum. a six-day conference on national security. The forum presented her with a future invitation to not only become a witness to the historic inauguration, but also to spend five days at a conference in Washington meeting with such prominent political figures as former Vice President Al Gore, former Secretary of State Colin Powell, and political commentators Tucker Carlson and lames Carville.

"I don't even know if there are words," she says, trying to express her emotions about the results of the election and the opportunity to meet so many politically relevant people. Chapman says she is indebted to President L. Jay Lemons and Provost and Dean of Faculty Linda McMillin for helping her find funding to pay for her trip. "Without their help, I wouldn't have been able to witness history. Susquehanna has truly changed my life," he says.

With words that were both powerful and personally wrenching, Chapman described in the taped message her journey as a child of mixed heritage and the racial intolerance she suffered along the way.

"Growing up biracial in a rural, backwards, Mayberry-esque western Pennsylvania town (whose school districts had a day off to acknowledge the first day of buck-hunting season, but not Martin Luther King Jr. Day) made my relationship with my ancestors a very complex one; she said. "Given my fiery red hair and my moon-pale skin, the other kids in my high school assumed I was like them—Caucasian. Due to fear and confusion, I did very little to enlighten their perceptions."

When Chapman was 12, she began to embrace her black roots. In her message, she said she "stole my father's jazz albums, tore voraciously through Alex Haley's Roots and begged my parents to buy me kente cloth. I yearned for some kind of connection to my ancestors and the 'other side' of me; the side that had so much to say, but no voice to say it with."

Unfortunately, her classmates stifled her expressions of identity. "I had just begun to feel confident in my multiethnic body when a group of white kids at my school started a campaign of rebel



A sea of people crowded the National Mall on Jan. 20 to witness the historic inauguration of President Barack Obama.

flag-waving and name-calling, which resulted in my being called a 'white Oreo cookie' until the final bell. After this incident, I subconsciously began to identify myself only by my outward appearance," she recalled.

In the years that followed, she treasured her identity but "kept that card close to my vest. I simply had no idea how to reconcile the two sides of me. One, the outward one, was a dorky white girl with black-framed glasses and a penchant for punk rock and Gloria Steinem; and the other side, a militant, afro-wearing black woman who longed for the days of marches and protests, and possessed an affinity for Ray Charles and Angela Davis. Could it ever be possible to successfully merge the two without infringing on the rights of either?"

She remembered the conversations with her father about his growing up as the youngest of 11 children in the 1930s and '40s in New Jersey, his decision to

attend a historically black college, and his move to Somerset, Pa., in the 1960s.

"He told me stories of the shopping malls built on his college campus that none of the students were allowed to use, the movie theaters that permitted him only in the balconies, the restaurants that would serve his white friends, but not him. My own father had first-hand experience with the trauma that had previously only been communicated to my friends and me through the grainy black-and-white news footage shown in our elementary school history classes. My father never completely opened up about all of his struggles; when probed, he became stoic and reserved, his gaze distant, cold and laced with bitterness. Now as a mature woman starving for information, there are so many questions I have for him about who I am, and they will all go unanswered."

Chapman's father died in 2007, Although his death silenced their conversation, it helped reignite the desire to connect with her black heritage. She said Dr. King's I Have a Dream and I Have Been to the Mountaintop speeches have overwhelmed her and given her a sense of security and comfort.

"To me, Dr. King represents a link to my lost self and has played a huge role in my existence. Without him, my father would have never reached the heights of professional success, nor would he have been able to overcome the stigma of interracial marriage in a small, closed-minded community. Dr. King has made it possible for me to love and represent all parts of myself without condition or hesitation. It is impossible for me to be judged solely on the color of my skin; it tells only a small fraction of my story. Because of Dr. King, it is the content of my character that matters."

Julie Buckingham '09, Victoria Kidd and Gerald S. Cohen contributed to this story.

Web Extra: To see Berkeley Chapman's address for Winter Convocation, go to www.susqu.edu/currents/feature3.htm.

## **SEEN AND HEARD:**

Young Voters Make Their Mark in the 2008 Election
By Julie Buckingham '09

Young voters have been credited with powering President Barack Obamás victory in November, and there's no doubt that his Innovative campaign strategy, which made use of YouTube videos and Tacebook ads, was designed to attract voters under 30. But Just how much did the youth vote affect

the election? Trunout nationally among young voters did not increase much compared with the 2004 election—only! percent, notes Associate Professor of Political Science Michele DeMary, but what mattered in this election was 'not the voter turnout, but who they voted for.' Just weeks before the election, a survey by the Harvard University Institute of Politics revealed that 18to 24-year-old likely voters favored Obama nearly 2 to 1 over U.S. Sen. John McCain.

Ultimately, DeMary says, Obama held a 34-point lead (66 to 32 percent) over McCain among young voters.

According to the Pew Research Center, the disparity between young voters and other age groups was larger in the 2008 election than in any presidential election since exit polling began in 1972.

Susquehanna students were full participants in the election. 'Students talked about going to railies, campaign events and volunteering on campaigns,' says DeMary. The SU Republicans and SU College Democrats sponsored numerous campus events as well.'

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It was a marked change from what Dorothy+ Dottle\*

Anderson '62, who served as dean of student life from 1967 to 2002, saw over the course of her tenure. She says the political atmosphere on campus was "pretty mild" during that time. Even in the 2004 election, because an incumbent was running, polltical interest wasn't as strong, DeMary says. Interest was piqued in the 2008 election because Pennsylvania played such an important role as a swing state. Moreover, Anderson adds, political involvement among students often depended on "whether or not the candidates inspired young people."

Obama did just that. Even young people who didn't support him during the campaign recognize the impact of his election and are hopeful about his presidency. Frank Minnitl' 11, an elementary education major and president of Susquehanna's lota Beta chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon, was invited to attend the inauguration as the result of a leadership conference he attended as a high school student.

"You could just feel it. Millions of people were there believing that things are actually going to change," he told The Crusader student newspaper following his return to campus. In the Jan. 30 Crusader article, Minniti, a Republican, acknowledged being skeptical about the president's plans for the country but now is more open-minded about the possibilities.

During the inauguration, which was aired on televisions across campus, 'the dining room was silent,' recalls Mike Ubbens'09, president of the Student Government Association. Although, as a Republican, he supported McCain, Ubbens says people 'should recognize the historical significance of the election. Progress is being made in America, no matter your party.'

Victoria Kidd contributed to this story.



Frank Minniti '11 back on campus, relaxing at Java City café, after attending President Barack Obama's inauguration

# The 'Grove

## O&A

## Dave Henry

From new construction projects to daily maintenance of the buildings and grounds, Dave Henry, director of facilities management, reflects on the enormous job before him and his team.



Dave Henry and his team are monitoring construction of the new science building.

SC: As head of facilities management, how involved are you in the day-to-day operations of construction projects? DH: I am directly (or indirectly, via my assistant director for construction) involved with all aspects of a construction project. We have a construction schedule that defines the work and its various phases, mapping out the project from its start to its completion. There is open communication between myself and the construction management team.

SC: How has the campuswide construction-West Village and the new science building-affected the daily routines of the facilities management staff, and how will it affect their duties once the construction is completed?

DH: For the most part, the actual construction period has little impact on the facilities management staff. The burden of maintaining these new buildings begins when construction ends. For me specifically, I can foresee an increased need to focus on energy management issues.

SC: How complex is it to design and construct the LEEDcertified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)

DH: The complexity of the infrastructure and systems that are

in the new science building require close attention and coordination, from design through completion. With this being Susquehanna's first attempt at a LEED-certified academic building, we are learning about that process each day. This project should be brought to a smooth and timely completion thanks to the combined efforts of quality designers, construction managers and my staff.

SC: What do you think of Susquehanna's move toward the use of sustainable energy resources?

DH: I believe this is the right thing to do. We have been working on some of the significant issues, such as new fuel sources at our central power plant. As part of the LEED requirements, we've also started a "Green Cleaning" program. We are using Green Seal-certified cleaning products and procedures in West Village, and we will expand their use throughout the rest of the campus as our old supplies are depleted. While these are all important steps in the right direction, I am especially appreciative of our students' active involvement in recycling and preserving our resources.

## **SYLLABUS**

## Training the Leaders of Tomorrow

Challenging times require visionary leaders.

Leaders of Tomorrow, a twocredit class taught by Karen DeFrancesco, an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Communications, shows leaders. In the class, students examine exemplary leadership styles and discover that setting goals involves more than considering instantaneous gains and losses.

A student taking Leaders of Tomorrow can expect to participate in numerous discussions on what makes a superior leader. DeFrancesco uses every technique possible to keep the class moving and participating in exercises that bring out the natural leader in every class member.



Karen DeFrancesco uses team-building exercises to develop students' leadership skills



These team-building activities include an exercise in which the students stand in a circle and, with their eyes closed, attempt to create a square using lengths of rope or yarn. This activity requires a natural-born leader to step up among the class members and direct the process of forming a square.

"Leaders of Tomorrow was a great class, especially during my senior year as I prepare to enter the professional world," asys Andrew Jazzyk' '09, who took the class in the fall semester. "The class focused on different leadership styles as well as the various characteristics that a leader must portray, including competency, honesty and credibility."

Students learn that leadership is a relationship between those who choose to lead and those who choose to follow. They also learn that breaking through adversity in a workplace requires leaders and followers to establish a relationship based on mutual confidence and respect.

"Considering the importance of leadership in our society, I would certainly encourage any SU student to take this class," Jarzyk says.

## **FORWARD THINKING**

Examining the "Show, Don't Tell" Concept of Cigarette Warning Labels

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then could a graphic image deter people from smoking? That's the question Assistant Professor of Economics Matthew Rousu is exploring thanks to a nearly \$100,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The grant is allowing Rousu to investigate the impact graphic warning labels have on U.S. buyers.

"Although the United States was the first country to mandate cigarette warning labels in 1965, current labeling policy has been left unchanged for 24 years, in spite of its apparent inefficacy," Rousu says.

Rousu began researching this topic a few years ago in Mexico. He staged an auction in which he asked 89 smokers to bid on two packs of the same name-brand digarette. The only difference between the packs was that one contained a highquality graphic-design sticker depicting the grotesque image of a mass of red tumors protruding from a man's neck.

His findings suggested that people are less inclined to buy cigarettes when an explicit image is placed on cigarette containers showing the damage smoking can do to the human body. After his research was completed, the Mexican government enacted legislation that makes such images mandatory



Assistant Professor Matthew Rousu is researching the effect of cigarette warning labels.

on cigarette cartons. Mexico joins England and Canada in this effort to deter smoking.

Now that Rousu is able to proceed with his research in the United States, he has enlisted the assistance of Erin Dinsmore '10, an accounting major from Harrisburg, B. Dinsmore is in charge of running the experimental suctions, which are aimed at determining the impact graphic images have on the spending habits of Cigarette buyers.

By randomly recruiting smokers in grocery stores, Rousu and Dinsmore hope to learn how much money buyers are willing to spend on cigarettes after seeing such images. They will conduct the first of four auctions this spring. Their research will be conducted in South Carolina, Pennsylvania, New York and California.

"Experimental auctions such as this can provide policymakers with information about differences in the potential impact alternative warning labels implemented in other countries may have on U.S. consumers," Rousu says.

## The 'Grove

Oxford University Press

is publishing a second

edition of On Writing

Short Stories, edited by

Creative Writing Tom

of the most popular

Professor of English and

Bailey. The book is one

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book examines the art

## **KUDOS** Professor's Text on Writing **Enters Second Edition**



Tom Baffey, saufessor of English and creative writing

short fiction is also included in the text.

and craft of short story writing and offers the student of short fiction advice on technique. A chapter by Bailey on the elements of

Before joining the faculty of Susquehanna University in 1999, Bailey taught in the Empository Writing Program at Harvard University. His work has earned him a Newhouse Award from the John Gardner Poundation, a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship for fiction and the Mississippi Arts and Letters Fiction Prize. His writing has been anthologized in New Stories from the South and noted in The Best American Short Stories. In addition to On Writing Short Stories, Oxford University Press published Bailey's instructional text The Short Story Writer's Companion, Balley also has published a collection of short fiction, titled Crow Man (Etruscan Press, 2003), as well as two novels-The Grace That Keeps This World and Cotton Song, both of which were released by Random House's Crown Publishing Group under the imprint of Shave Archeart Books.

## Office of Communications Receives Honors

Susquehanna University's marketing and communications efforts have been recognized by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), the Association of Communicators in Education (CUPRAP) and American Graphic Design & Advertising.

In the CASE District II regional competition, the Office of Communications won bronze awards in four categories: institutional identity programs, for Susquehanna's new graphic identity; student recruitment packages, for the university's latest generation of admissions materials, including the new viewbook, application packet and save-the-date postcard magnet: individual events, for a Carnegie Hall sesquicentennial concert and promotion of the event; and general institution relations. for a science research video posted on the school's Web site. CASE also recognized University Relations with a silver award in the "creativity on a shoestring" category for its thank-you card to annual fund contributors.

District II is the largest of CASE's eight districts, encompassing schools in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Maryland, Delawage, the District of Columbia, West Virginia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Ontario, Canada.

CUPRAP gave two nods to the communications office as part of its annual CUPPIE awards competition. The summer 2008 issue of Susquehanna Currents won a gold award in the magazine category. The issue was the debut of the magazine's new design with expanded sections and feature article content. In the feature article category, the office won a silver award for "The Susquehanna River: A Laboratory for Study," Assistant Director of Advancement Communications Victoria Kidd wrote and researched the feature story for the Fall 2007 issue of Susquehanna Today.

The office's design staff also won recognition for its work in the annual American Graphic Design and Advertising competition. The winning publications were a "Supporting the Sciences" direct mail piece and the "Athletics & Recreation" brochure, both produced by Creative Services Manager Nick Stephenson '99 and graphic designer Steven Semanchik '08. The pieces will be published in the American Graphic Design & Advertising's 25th anniversary annual. Due out in November, the publication provides international exposure to the winning submissions showcased in the book.

"We're very pleased with the recognition we've received from the experts in our field," says Gerald Cohen, assistant vice president for communications, "The competition for " these awards is intense, pitting Susquehanna against some of the finest institutions in the country. We all work very hard at presenting Susquehanna as the fine institution that we know it



is, and these awards are a tribute to all those who worked on

## Music Professor Releases Book On Expressive Conducting

wind orchestral repertoire is the topic of a new book by Eric L. Hinton, assistant professor of music and director of bands at Susquehanna University, Conducting the Wind Orchestra: Meaning, Gesture and Expressive Potential was released in December by academic publisher Cambria Press.

The book examines ways to elicit expression from a selected body of works, including John Corigliano's Overture from Gazebo Dances, Karel Husa's Introduction and Fanfare from Music for Prague 1968, Edward Gregson's Celebration and Richard Rodney Bennett's Morning Music.

physical gesture is discussed as part of the art and craft of conducting. Hinton also explores the idea of meaning in music, including how meaning arises from performance in both musical and other ways. In short, Hinton considers what is "behind taking the work and all relevant information into account as it is prepared for performance.

Hinton holds a doctorate in conducting from the Birmingham Conservatoire/University of Central England and was made to the Conservatoire and to musical life in the West Midlands



Eric L. Hinton, assistant professor of music and director of bands

of England. Hinton also holds a master's of music degree in conducting and a bachelor's of music degree in education from Northwestern University. While in England, he was musical director and conductor of the Telford New Symphony Orchestra. as well as principal conductor of the Worcestershire Symphony Orchestra and the Nottingham Symphonic Wind Orchestra.

## SII SPI ASH Receives Coveted NASPA Award

SU SPLASH (Students Promoting Leadership and Awareness in Serving the Homeless) has been recognized by The National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) as one of the top programs of its kind in the nation. The program, which received a silver award in the Careers, Academic Support, Service Learning, Community Service and Related category for 2008-09, placed second behind American

Vanderhilt University This is the third conhas won an award in this category, and the first time it has received a silver award. SU's Hurricane Response Teams won a bronze award in 2006-07, and SU CASA (Susquehanna University Adventure) received a bronze



Lutherans in 2005 and jointly sponsored by the Office of the Chaplain and the Center for Civic Engagement, SU SPLASH is an intensive service-learning opportunity for incoming alongside SU faculty, staff and upperclass mentors on service projects and learning activities focused on homelessness. During these weeklong immersion experiences, students serve homeless populations in the Susquehanna Valley and

Contributing writers to The 'Grove are Sondra Zanetto '09. Stephanie Beazley '10 and Victoria Kidd.

# **Score**board

## SUSQUEHANNA FOOTBALL, WOMEN'S GOLF JOIN CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE

Susquehanna University has accepted an invitation to Join the Centennial Conference as an associate member in football and women's golf beginning in 2010.

"Athletics is the window by which a large number of people come to know and become acquainted with colleges and universities," says Susquehana President. Jug Lemons. "You are known by the company that you keep. An association with the Centennial Conference aligns us with some of the top liberal arts institutions in the country and reunites us with some of our oldest rivals."

The addition of Susquehanna brings the number of Centennial members with oproson forball to 10. The other conference members are Diddhosn College, Franklin & Marshall College, Gettysburg College, The Johns Hopkins University, Juniata College (associate), McDanlel College, Moravian College (associate), Mulhenberg College and Ursinus College, Schools that sponsor women's grif are Diddhson, Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, McDanlel and Muhlenberg. Full Centenland Imembers who participate in sports other than football and women's golf are Bryn Mawr College, Hawerford College, Swarhore College and Washington College (Mdd.).

"As we discussed the future of Centennial football scheduling, the state of NCAD Division Ill football, women's optif and
the economic realities faced by our Institutions and the country,
the conference's Presidents Council looked in our backyard and
found our perfect answer in Susquehanna University," says Joan
Develin Coley, president of McDaile I and chair of the council. "The
academic reputation, the tradition in football, the emergence of
women's golf and the commitment to the legacy of the scholarathlete as Susquehanna were also deciding factors as we enhance
the conference."

Susquehanna has a long and storled tradition of excellence on the gridiron. SU has played football for 110 seasons and was coached by Amos Alonzo Stagg Sr., the "Grand Old Man of Football," from 1947 to 1952 along with his son, Amos Jr.

Susquehanna's most profilife football period came between 1960 and 1964, when its team earned a combined 39 – 4–1 record with undefeated seasons in 1961 and 1962. SU has had five Associated Press, Hewlett-Packard or American Football Coaches Association All-Americans since 1990 alone. It also has earmed College Sports information Directors of America first-team Academic All-America honors three times since then and fielded an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship recipient, all under current head coach and Assistant Director of Athletics Steve Brigas.

Susquehanna started women's golf in 2002 and has been a regular competitor at tournaments around the Mid-Atlantic region alongside Centennial teams.

"Membership in the Centennial Conference provides a wide array of advantages for Susquehanna University athletics," says Pam Samuelson (Mector of athletics at Susquehanna. "The benefits that it affords our women's golf team cannot be overlooked. The program now has a home that will give further opportunities to our female athletes." Susquehanna football and women's golf will begin full competition in the Centennial in 2010, with the women's golf team vying for the conference title in the spring and the football team beginning round-robin play in the fall. SU women's golf will compete in the Centennial champlonships in the spring of 2009 as a nonscoring team.

Susquehanna will continue to play football in the Liberty
League through the 2009 season. Its women's golf team currently
functions as an independent.

## CRUSADERS NAMED D3FOOTBALL.COM

Senior safety John Lunardi, of Exton, Pa., and sophomore punter Bobby Eppleman, of Chester Springs, Pa., earned spots on the 2008 D3Football.com All-America team Dec. 20.

Lunardi and Eppleman both landed on the D3Football.com all-East Region first team on Dec. 9 before earning this second-team All-America honor. Eppleman was the only non-junior or senior to land on the All-America first or second team:

Junior offensive tackle **Drew Champney**, of Victor, N.Y., was an all-region third-teamer.

Lunardi, a 2008 Susquehanna co-captain, finished the season ranked second in NCAA Division III in passes defended per game with 2.10 (21 in 10 games), He led the Liberty League in that category, as well as in passes broken up (16). He also intercepted five passes for 72 return yards and made 61 tackles (34 solo), including one for a loss. He was an all-Liberty first-teamer this year.

Eppleman was an all-Liberty first-teamer at punter this year and a second-team honoree at place-kicker. His average of 42.74 yards per punt was good for third in Division III. He led the Liberty in that category. He also set a Susquehanna record this year with a 73-yard punt in a 10-3 win over Junista College on Sept. 13. Fourteen of his punts landed inside the opponents' 20-yard line in 2008, and none were blocked. He was the Liberty's Special Teams Player of the Week on Sept. 15 and Oct. 6.

Champney was a unanimous all-Liberty first-teamer this year. The 6-foot-3, 280-pound left tackle started all 10 games for Susquehanna last season and protected the billnd side of a right-handed quarterback. He also helped pave the way for a multiple-recordheaking tallback



John Lunardi '09



Bobby Eppleman '11



Drew Champney '10







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## SU SPORTS: A FAMILY AFFAIR

It more than we do."

Greg, whose career aspiration is to work for the FBI, says, "When visiting schools, I
found the environment at Susquehanna better than the others we looked at, and being
able to play sports was a huge plus."

Natalie Cicloni 12 decided to attend Susquehanna for many of the same reasons,
not to mention the fact that her sider, Jassica "10, was already here playing olivelyball
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give the Frackville Pa, shillings beinty of reasons to squabble over playing time. But head volleyball coach John "Kuujoo" Tom has a way of averting such conflicts. "I don't have them compete for the same position, but instead interchange them for that position [middle hitted]," says Tom. "When they're out on the court, the positives heavily outweigh the negatives; they're both genetically wired for this game."

Coming off a morganity-star "Zivietoles in 2008, the Susual-banna volleviall teem.

had to focus on the books first," says Bryan, "but at the same time, our parents were our biggest fans and never missed a game."
Playing on the same basketball team at Harrisburg High School, the brothers often played one-on-one at the end of plactices. (Erich) still thinks he can get the best of me. We both played point quarid and played the game the same way. "Byran says. "We may be each other's biggest critics, but we're also each other's biggest fans."

big hits as any other player," says head football coach Steve Briggs. "The neat thing is

in turn, Payan is excelling on the basketball court as SU's starting point guard for the third straight season. He is one of the top landmark Conference assists men, and his tenacious defense is a key component of the team's success.

# **Score**board

## SUSQUEHANNA SWEEPS LANDMARK CONFERENCE AWARDS

Susquehanna University swept the four major men's basketball awards handed out by the Landmark Conference on March 3 and landed two players on the 2008-09 all-Landmark first team.

Senior guard/forward Joel Patch, of Conklin, N.Y., was named the conference's Player of the Year, while freshman guard and fan favorite Spenser Spencer of Seattle, Wash., took home Rookie of the Year honors. To boot, junior guard Bryan Majors, of Harrisburg, Pa., earned the Defensive Flaver of the Yearsward, and head coach Frank Marcinek and his assistants Chad Bailey, Matthew Blue and Brent Ferko garnered Coaching Staff of the Year recognition.

Patch and Spenceralso landed on the all-Landmark first team. was one of 18 men's finalists for the 2009 Jostens Trophy, awarded to the NCAA Division III Player of the Year. He led the Landmark and tied for 14th in Division III in rebounding, with 11.2 rebounds per game. He also ranked second in the conference in scoring (17.5 points per game) and fourth in blocked shots (27). Patch finished the 2008-09 season with 16 double-doubles, including four straight to end the campaign. He moved into the top 25 in Susquehanna men's basketball history this past season in career points (1.067). This is the second all-conference honor

Spencer ranked sixth in the Landmark with 13.6 points per game and



Senior quard/forward Joel Patch takes a shot during a home basketball game,

steals (31). If he had enough attempts, his 84.2 freethrow percentage would have ranked second in the conference

Majors led the Landmark in steals (67) while helping Susquehanna to a first-place conference ranking in field-goal-percentage defense (39.6). He was also a very productive offensive player this past season, leading the conference with 148 assists.

Marcinek and his staff led the 2008-09 SU team to a runner-up finish in both the Landmark regular season and the playoffs.

The team was picked to finish third in the conference by a preseason poll of Landmark coaches and sports information directors. This is the second end-of-the-year coaching honor for Marcinek, who earned the MAC Commonwealth Coach of the Year award after the 2002-03 season.

### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

No one knows better what's in a name than freshman quard Spenser Casanova Spencer. The chant "Spen-ser Spen-cerl" often rings through Susquehanna's Orlando W. Hours Gymnasium during home basketball games.

Originally, his father wanted his first name to be Casanova, but his mother opposed the idea, So, the name Spenser C. Spenser was born. Why such an imponventional name? "They Ihis parents] wanted to be creative and

unique," says Spencer.

Growing up in Seattle. Wash., Susquehanna was a mystery to Spencer. He says he's been playing basketball "ever sîncë I can remember." but he didn't join a school team until the fifth grade. He continued on the team throughout high school at mogul Bill Gates attended.



Windsor, Conn., for one year, While playing a pickup game of basketball at a local court, he met Susquehanna University Trustee Alan Bennett '72, CEO of H&R Block, Bennett asked Spencer where his college search had taken

him. When he found that Spencer was undecided, he suggested his alma mater. Spencer's recruitment went into the hands of Frank Marcinek, head men's basketball coach, Marcinek obtained a video of Spencer's court time from Loomis Chaffee and liked what he saw, so he invited the Seattle boy on

an overnight campus visit. The rest, as they say, is history. Currently, Spencer is a guard playing under the number 24 jersey. One of his best moments from the 2008-09 season came during a Jan. 10 game at Moravian College. SU trailed at the half, 38-26, but came back to win the game, 70-64. "We played the best half we played [all season]," Spencer says.

Marcinek's proudest moment working with Spencer came during the first game of the season against Misericordia University. Susquehanna was tralling until Spencer came off the bench. He took the game over for SU, scoring 21 points in just 22 minutes. "He's been a really great addition to the team," Marcinek says.

A business major with an emphasis in marketing. Spencer has a penchant for scoring, making it certain that "Spen-ser Spen-cer!" will continue to be heard at Susquehanna basketball games.

Contributing writers to Scoreboard are Robert Edward Healy III.

# People Places

## Winter Convocation Celebrates the Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

In remembrance of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., students, faculty and staff gathered in Weber Chapel Auditorium on Jan. 19 for Susquehanna's annual Winter Convocation, marking what President L. Jay Lemons referred to in his opening remarks as "ad von. rather than a day off.

"It's important to pause, to come together in community to remember the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King," Lemons said.

The day carried extra significance as many of the featured speakers acknowledged the historic event that would occur the following day, the inauguration of our country's first black president

At the same time, Lemons acknowledged that although we have made strides in overcoming racial and ethnic divisions, both nationally and at Susquehanna, "We're not as diverse and inclusive as we should and want to be."

Chaplain Mark Wm. Radecke also spoke, quoting some of King's lesser-known speeches. King encouraged people to "see the world as it could be," rather than how it is, Radecke said.

The keynote address was given by L. Douglas Wilder, former governor of Virginia and the first African-American in U.S. history to be elected governor of a state. Recognizing the economic turmoil that our country faces, Wilder said, "We haven't seen tougher times in a long time."

Wilder is no stranger to economic hardship, however. During his first year as governor, he faced budget cuts with a projected tax shortfall of \$1.4 billion. To combat the situation, Wilder Implemented a successful program that reduced spending.

"Things don't just happen automatically," he said. "People have to make them happen." You have to make them happen."

"Look how far we've come," Wilder said, acknowledging the gains in racial equality that have been made while also stressing the need for more change in order to "heal the divisions within our country."

"We can and we must do better." Wilder said.

Two students, creative writing major Marcus Burke '10



Former Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder with Marcus Burke '10 at Winter Convocation

and political science major Berkeley Chapman '11, shared essays they'd written. In his essay, Burke reflected on a trip he'd taken as a high school student to South Africa, where he visited the prison in which Nelson Mandela was held during the period of apartheid.

Chapman's essay was presented via prerecorded video because she was in Washington, D.C., awaiting the inauguration of President Barack Obama (see related story, pp. 16). Focusing on her search to connect with her mixed-heritage roots, Chapman said it's important to "love and represent all parts of myself, without reservation or condition."

The program also included performances by the University Symphonic Band, conducted by Bric Hinton, assistant professor of music and director of bands; and the University Jazz Ensemble, conducted by Assistant Professor of Music Joshua Davis; as well as a moving performance of "This Little Light of Mine" by the University Chorale, led by Judith White, lecturer in music.

## Health Care in America Adams Center Symposium Explores the Options

The Arlin M. Adams Center for Law and Society hosted the two-day sympositum Code Blave. Can We Save the Health! Care System? on March 25 and 26. The symposium examined the current state of health care coverage in the United States and explored whether the nation should adopt a universal health care system.

Allan Sobel, director of the Arlin M. Adams Center for Law and Society, notes that approximately 50 million Americans are without health insurance, and as unemployment rates increase in today's volatile economy, the number



of uninsured will likely rise. "Sudden illness cannot be postponed like the purchase of a new car or clothes," says Sobel. "Consequently, millions of Americans constantly, face looming financial disaster."

The symposium kicked off with keynote speaker Jonathan Cohn, senior editor at The New Republic and best-selling author of Sick: The Untold Story of America's Health Care Crisis—and the People Who Pay the Price. For the past decade, while working at The New Republic, Cohn has been writing about national politics and its effect on American communities. Cohn's stance on health care

was solidified when he wrote the book Sick, which looks into the negative effect that the current health care system has on ordinary Americans across the country.

In addition to Cohn's keynote address, the health care symposium teatured three panel discussions and a closing dialogue. Participants in the panel discussions included Dr. Nina Taggart, vice president of Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania; Sherry Glied, chair of the Department of Health Policy and Management in the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University; Dr. Glenn D. Steele Jr., president and chief executive officer of Geisinger Health System; and Paul Wessel, field director for the Universal Health Care Poundation of Connecticut. The panel discussions explored the role of government, employers and insurers in health care coverage; the balance between affordability and comprehensive coverage; and barriers to health care overage reform.

The concluding dialogue addressed whether the United States should adopt a universal health care system. Dr. Claudia Fegan, former president of Physicians for a National Health Care Program, spoke in favor of adopting a universal health care system, while Devon Herrick, senior fellow at the National Center for Policy Analysis, opposed the idea.

## Faculty Band Rocks Atlantic City, Raises Money For Student Research

Susquehanna's faculty rock band, Faculty Lounge, was one of the headliners at Profapalooza, a concert hosted by the House of Blues in Atlantic City.

Faculty Lounge includes lead singer David Imhoof, associate professor and chair of the Department of History; bassist Terry Winegar, professor and dean of the School of Natural and Social Sciences; guitarist Laurence Roth, associate professor of English and Jewish studies; and drummer Patrick Long, associate professor of music.

The foursome began Faculty Lounge in August 2002, and since then it has grown in August 2002, and since then it has grown in Oppularity both on and off campus. The group has performed at numerous charitable events, including Rock 4 Relief, Rock for a Change (a Get Out the Vote event), SU Rocks for Hurricane Survivors and Relay for Life. Students have even created a Facebook fan club for the band.

The March 6 Profapalooza concert also featured faculty bands from Stockton College and Colgate University. The idea for Profapalooza took shape after an article was written in The Chronicle of Higher Education on faculty rock bands.

Faculty Lounge donated its portion of the Profapalooza proceeds to student research. "We all believe that research by faculty members and by students is one of the most important things that happen on this campus," Imhoof says.



Faculty Lounge plays in Degenstein Center Theater.



Caitlin Newman '09 poses for a snapshot with (left to right) Nazifah, Daula, Ashraf, Abdul and Dorethy the children who lived in her Ugandan host home.

## Alumnus Bequest Opens Up a World Of Possibilities for Business Students

Most business students spent last summer working in seasonal jobs in their hometowns or serving in business internships in the United States. But thanks to an endowment supporting international experiences, Caitlin Newman '09 spent nine weeks interning at a microfinance bank in Uganda.

There, Newman lived with a Muslim host family on a banana plantation and worked at an institution where there were no computers—only manual records.

The cost of her travels, as well as a stipend for her work, was covered by the Eric Stein Fund for International Experience, which supports internation for business students through an endowment given to the university by Eric Stein '69 just three weeks before his death in 2006. Without the scholarship, "studying abroad might have been possible, but daunting," Newman says. "The only real reason I was able to so was because of this scholarship."

Newman received the internship through the Foundation for Sustainable Development, a San Francisco-based organization that connects students with grassroots efforts to combat powerly in developing countries. Newman applied what she's learned as a business administration major by leading workshops that taught villagers the importance of saving money and developing sustainable sources of fincome, as well as the opportunity to get loans.

More important, the internship allowed Newman to combine her business skills with her real passion: serving the world's underprivileged populations. At Susquehann, Newman is involved with the annual Fair Trade Festival, which benefits artisans and farmers around the world.

"The internship helped me to meet and fall in love with the people I work for here. Now I have personal stories about how people in Uganda are affected by what we do here." she says.

So far, the Eric Stein fund has allowed 11 students to intern arbusinesses in countries around the globe, including the United Kingdom, Uganda, Australia and the Czech Republic, says Ronald Keefer, director of business internships. Since travel and related expenses are included in the Stein Fellowship, Keefer expects an increasing amount of student interest each year.

The Sigmund Weis School of Business already has student commitments for the summer of 2009 in Sweden, India and Germany, and several other countries are being considered. "Not a lot of schools have programs like this," Keefer says, "and not everyone gets the chance to work abroad."

Contributing writers to the People & Places section are Sondra Zanetto '09 and Julie Buckingham '09.

## Entrepreneurship For Everyone

In today's commerce-driven world, virtually anyone is capable of starting a business. That's why it's important to give all students, regardless of their majors, an opportunity to embrace the entrepreneurial splrit. "Who is to say who can and cannot start a business?" asks Leann Mischel, assistant professor of management, who coordinates Entrepreneurship Week at Susquehanna University.

Entrepreneurship Week, which began in 2007 as a national initiative by the Bwing Marion Kauffman Poundation, expanded globally last year when students from 77 countries participated in activities that brought them one step closer to acquiring the skills and knowledge needed to emerge as entrepreneurs in the future.

Susquehanna's Entrepreneurship Week activities included two panel discussions by entrepreneurs and executives from a variety of industries including retail, medical services, manufacturing and

humanitarian causes. The first discussion, The Future of Education, examined how education can keep up with the changing ways in which people learn in a technological society. The second, Competing in a Global Ecanomy, considered the obstacles that face the United States due to the rapid expansion of the global economy. Both discussions



Panelists discuss U.S. competitiveness in the global economy.

featured Peter Capolino '76, founder of Mitchell & Ness Nostalgia Co; Charles D. 'Rusty' Flack Jr. '76, chief executive officer of Diamond Consolidated Industries Inc; Anne Kalin, co-founder of the Children's Medical Foundation of Central and Eastern Europe; Rocco A. Ortenzio P'83, H'08, executive chairman of Select Medical Corp.; Denise Prince, chief executive officer of Geisinger Ventures, and Michael S. Levin, entrepreneur-in-residence at the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. The panel discussions were moderated by John Resnick,

creator of the radio program Legends of Success.

# Campaign News



Changing Lives, Building Futures reaches \$60.3 million

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Changing Lives, Building Futures seeks to raise \$70 million by 2010 in new resources to support endowment and program goals, construction of a new science facility and financial aid for students.

Dear Friends.

Despite an economy in deep distress, the Changing Lives, Building Futures campaign has experienced a great deal of success, and it's a pleasure to provide a brief update and express sincere thanks to donors who are making this possible.

We were buoyed by a number of positive events that occurred in late 2008 and generated terrific momentum. Progress on the new science building has occurred in many quarters. Most obvious was Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell's delivery in August of \$4 million as part of a capital redevelopment program, followed by additional funding totaling \$1 million that state Sen. John Gordner and Rep. Russ Fatchild leveraged on the university's behalf. Less obvious but equally meaningful have been supporter-driven purchases of brick pavers in the science building's courtyard (which will replicate the periodic table of elements), as well as green project contributions totaling more than \$600,000 made by hundreds of alumni, parents and friends. Project cost savings resulting from an increasingly competitive marketplace for construction materials and services has been another welcome development.

In 2008 we also saw the campus portion of the campaign generate nearly \$1.9 million from members of the Susquehanna faculty and staff, far more than the \$1.25 million target, with gifts coming mainly in support of the science project and the New Horizons Fund that will assist students in meeting a new requirement to immerse themselves in a cross-cultural learning experience in order to graduate.

Spring 2009 has taken us beyond the campaign total of Susquehanna's last major und-raising program. The Susquehanna 2000 campaign ended nine years ago with \$60.2 million in gifts and grants. We appear poised to take a healthyr run at the current campaign's goal of raising \$70 million by the campaign's close in 2010. While working to meet campaign targets, the university is also taking steps to contain costs in a way that helps maintain affordability for students and families and yet retains high value in a Susquehanna education.

We are acutely mindful that economic developments over the last several months a are aconcern for many, and yet we have also seen evidence of opportunity. I believe this is because education remains a priority for so many of us. We are living through and learning from world events that have steered us into uncharted waters. Students' futures are being shaped by these events and also by local ones: in classrooms and labsy on service trips and civic engagements; as presenters, performers and authors. The gifts—and givers—enabling this generation of Susquehannans to learn and grow are enormously important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely

James W. Summers '64

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Changing Lives, Building Futures campaign



## Edward R. '69 and Donna Schmidt: Inspiring a Culture of Philanthropy

Giving to Susquehanna can be a hands-on experience, as Trustee Edward R. Schmidt '69 can attest. When he decided to issue a challenge to students in the Susquehanna University Fund calling program. he made a personal visit to the student callers.

Schmidd's challenge was to encourage alumni to give by credit cards he would match all gifts up to \$125 for a total of \$10,000. Not only did he develop and fund the challenge, he also worked with the students to develop the calling scripts. Spurred on by his enthusiasm, the students brought in gifts that hit the goal within two weeks. He in turn was so impressed by their work that he offered an additional \$5,000 to the cause.

"It was a good vision for my students to see—great inspiration," says Judy Newcomer, associate director of the Susquehanna University Pund, who heads the calling program. "Ed did more for my students in those few minutes by showing them he cares so much."

Schmidt says he thought the matching-gift offer was "a good way to motivate gifts to the annual fund, and it was pretty well received by the student workers and alumni."

The energy Ed displayed in his involvement with the calling program is evident in every aspect of his life. A corporate and real estate attorney with the indinanpolis law firm of Krieg DeVault LLP, he is licensed to practice in Indiana, Pennsylvania and Michigan, and before the U.S. Supreme Court and several federal district and circuit courts: He also is active in several organizations related to his career, including the Indianapolis Bar Association, which has recognized him as a Distinguished Fellow.



Edward R. Schmidt during the dinner celebrating the inaugural Edward S. and A. Rita Schmidt Lectureship in Ethics

In 2003, he and his wife, Donna, established the Edward S. and A. Rita Schmidt Lectureship in Ethics, named after his parents.
"We wanted to take a multidisciplinary approach and have a program that applied across many different majors, but it was also appealing to my field of interest," Schmidt says.

The program brings distinguished scholars and civic leaders to campus to address topics of importance in the field of ethics. The goal of the program is to highlight ethical issues across disciplines and encourage flought and explorate of these issues among students, faculty and the community. The 2008 lecture brought Michale Googlen, Everett Fraser Professor of Law at the University of Minnesota Law School, to campus to discuss organ trafficking. Other topics have included reproductive medicine, computer ethics and collegate athletics.

"We are really believers in values-based education," says Schmidt. "In my educational experiences, both as an undergraduate at Susquehanna and at Notre Dame for law school, ethical determinations were key components of the learning experience."

The Schmidts also support other programs at Susquehanna. Ed serves the university's alumni corporation of Theta Chi fresternity, and he and Donna have contributed to the athletic internship program established by John Strangfeld '75, chair of the Susquehanna University Board of Trustees, and his wife, Mary Kaw.

"I was very impressed by the grant John and Mary Kay made and was impressed by the work of the program and how it fit into the work and mission of the university," he says. "It is a very creative program."

And just as the creativity of the Strangfelds encouraged their the university, the Schmidts' ingenuity inspired others.

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The university is a similar one for the 2008–09 calling program, which achieved stimilar success.

## Zany Annual Fund Campaign Encourages Young Alumni Giving

Madness ensued for Suspekhama's young alumnt this spring with the Marty Madness challenge. Through a creative online video campaign, Trustees Marty Ortenzio '83 and Marty Printer '98 challenged young alumni to give to \$U and matched those donations throughout a four-week competition. The videos were produced by current students and earned \$5 votes in pursuit of The Marty Award. Go to www.susqu.edu/martymadness to see the winners and the video:



## Campaign News

A unique naming opportunity has been established in support of the new state-of-the-art, green science building, individuals and familles can purchase an element paver on the periodic table of elements, which will be constructed as part of a courtyard patio at the north entrance of the building.

The gift amount funding the patio element pavers is \$5,000 and may be payable over three years. For more information, go to http://development.susqu.edu/html/priorities/opportunities.html.



Name: Brad and Jennifer Rojek '98 Barton Hometown: Baltimore

Element: Oxygen

Why we chose this element:

Dennifer 1 brought Brad to SU while we were dating to see if he would love it as much as Idld. Chair was one of the requirements of our relationship.) One of those first visits was the day three scholar-ships were awarded during the football game. He was very touched by that act and the generasity and gentility of the place. When I Informed him of the new lement program, he jumped on the chance to celebrate our commitment to SU and to each other. One element in particular jumped out to expan.

[Brad] "First, we were planning our wedding for June 2008, and oxygen's atomic number is 8. Second, the symbol 'O' is symbolic of the wedding band. And last, it recognizes my feeling that I never truly breathed until I started my life with Jennifer."

[Jennifer] \*I was blown away by the considerable thought he gave to the project and his willingness to become part of 5U. In the days leading up to our wedding, he could give me no greater gift than to celebrate the place I love so much.\*

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"My husband, Bob, daughter, Alie, and son, Robert, are all runners who often get muscle cramps after a hard workout. Since cramps are caused by a lack of potassium, I thought they needed the element."

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Name: Nick '99 and Erica Weaver '00 Stephenson

Hometowns: Sellnsgrove, Pa. Element: Krypton

Why we chose this element: [Erica] "When I first heard about the opportunity, I absolutely knew that I was going to buy one of the elements. It was just such a creative, cool way to give back to the university.

"After we decided we were going to participate, Nick and is sat down to look at the periodic table of elements to see which one we wanted. We really wanted to find one that somehow meant something to us. We were toying with several Ideas when I saw krypton sitting there and just started gligding. We are such geeks when It comes to superheroes, we didn't even consider anything else after that. We had to buy Superman's home planet."

## Honor Roll of Donors

The Changing Lives, Building Futures campaign has received gifts and pledges from thousands of alumni, parents, friends and organizations. Their investments provide powerful messages of confidence in Susquehanna's priorities. which focus on student learning and achievement. We are grateful for all gifts, large and small, that have brought the campaign to \$60.3 million toward its \$70 million target.

Leadership gift commitments have provided key support, enabling us to move forward on important projects and programs. It is a special pleasure to recognize and thank the following donors who have made very generous pifts to the campaign through Feb. 28.

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# **Alumni Notes**

## Message Board



The alumni relations staff (left to right): Kristin Vought'07, Jodl Swartz, Becky Bramer'92 Deltrick and Susan Krelsher

A bridge is a structure built to span a physical obstacle for the purpose of providing a passage.

"A bridge to the alumni network." That's the slogan for Susquehanna's new alumni Web site, which launched in January and has drawn many new subscribers. Whether you're looking for a job or a career change, or you just want to reconnect with old friends, let your ties to Susquehanna University help. We don't plan to compete with the popular social networking sites, but SUBridge does provide a secure, password-protected site where you can make Susquehanna-based connections. And you can even include content from Pacebook and Linkedin on your profile page.

A number of alumni have observed that SUBridge doesn't offer as many features as the old site did. In truth, it has more features; we just haven't turned them all on yet. But as we do that over the balance of 2009, I hope you will find SUBridge to be a robust and helpful site that maximum of the substance of 2009, I hope you will find SUBridge to be a robust and helpful site that maximum of the substance of 2009, I have substant of the substa

mizes your connections with Susquehanna friends and the university itself.

In addition to the alumni Web site, we are building our regional alumni network. Regional alumni chapters in Harrisburg, Pa., Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia are the latest to come on line, joining New York City and Pittsburgh. All events and activities in the regions are planned by alumni there. Each chapter has elected or is in the process of electing officers, including liaisons in the areas of career services and admissions recruitment. An example is Kevin Bordlemay'og in Washington, D.C. Kevin is a technical recruiter for the national staffing firm Modis. He is working to build a network of SU folks who can help other alumni and students who ask for career services support in the Washington area. Those interested in participating may contact him at bordlemay1@yahoo.com. Similar structures are being developed by the other regional chapters, providing greater alumni-to-alumni access.

Simply put, we want alumni to see Susquehanna as a lifetime investment, a permanent connection and continuing relationship that brings greater value to you and your SU degree, Susan, Kristin, Jodi and I are eager to be of service

and are always happy to receive your comments and suggestions.

Finally, we're very excited about Spring Fling on June's and 6 (see back cover) and Homecoming Reunion Weekend), Nov. 6 through 8.1 n particular, I've received many comments about the new Spring Fling and the opportunity it offers for reunion experiences that connect alumni around common interests or activities instead of five-year classes. And others have said, "It's just nice to be able to visit campus at a beautiful time of year." I hope you'll find your way back. You're always welcome home.



Becky Bramer '92 Dietrick Director of Alumni Relations



## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Homecoming Reunion Weekend 2009
Nov. 6—8



## 1943

Homecoming in October was a ver Zeigler and Ruth Eleanor

Harry Bobonich '50 of Shippensburg, Pa., retired from Shippensburg University as dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research, He published his fourth book in 2009, Pathfinders and Pioneers: Women in Science, Math and Medicine. All four of his books are available at Amazon.com.

Richard Purnell '58 was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports of Fame in Shenandoah, the Susquehanna University Hall of Fame and the Pennsylvania High Hall of Fame.

Jim Campbell '63 had a fourth book in a series of Snyder CounDavid is the owner of Easton Coach Company, a passenger transportation company in Eas-

ton, Pa. He lives in Malvern, Pa.,

with his wife, Sandy.

ry prevorial histories published. Postcard History Series: Snyder Heritage-features 230 vintage captions. The longest chapter in In all, the book has 100 SU-relatimages of campus life. The book. which can be ordered through

45TH REUNION

Marian Shatto '67 recently retired after 38 years of working for Susquehanna Bank in Lanto a lot of volunteer work.

40TH REUNION

David Boucher '71 was elected Club in Newtown Square, Pa., in November 2008. Aronimink was recently named to host the Tiger Woods AT&T National Golf

Our class and the larger Susquehanna University community lost a good man on Nov. 30. when Edward S. Horn passed away after a seven-month fight by his wife, Pam Dolin '72 Horn, and his three sons, Eric, Jeff and Eddie. Despite a stroke that left earlier bout with melanoma that and his worsening physical condition since learning last April that the cancer had returned. Ed remained the most upbeat and fearless person I'd ever

seemed he would

I met Ed, as most of us in the Class of 1972 did, in the fall of 1968. He was a garrulous, haiffellow-well-met kind of guy, who reminded me of a big, friendly across campus, headed to class or the campus center or a date with Pam. He invited me to his home on holidays, and his parents all but adopted me. He always chal lenged my decision to "go" Theta Chi when he joined "the best fraternity." Phi Mu Delta, which he led as president his junior year. He was a history major; I was in political science. We often found ourselves on the third floor of Steele Hall talking about whatever came to mind, including why it was so important never to sit in the first row of seats in any of Dr. "Jumping Gerry" Gordon's classes. Ed wrestled for Coach Charlie Kunes all four years he attended SU. He then the second row of the SU Rugby Football Club, helping us to a winning season in 1972. I was with Ed a couple of weeks before he died. When I loaned him an SURFC jacket, he teased, "The older we get, Scotty, the better we were!" Too true.

We stayed in touch after graduating. I was in his and Pam's wedding. He served as the best man (an appropriate title!) in my first wedding-at which his dad, Ed often remarked "I told you so!" after that first union didn't last. When children came-three daughters, roughly the same

ages-we shared joy, pride and occasionally utter bafflement. Ed had a passion for the outdoors. hard it was to keep up with him as we hiked through a couple of state parks, "Stop whining, Scott!" he chided. Ed was immensely proud of his kids, and he loved them and Pam with a quiet but boundless intensity that continues to infuse their lives.

Ed was a good guy-indeed, the best. He is missed terribly, It's a loss we all share.

Scott Truver '=2 SCTruver@aol.com

35TH REUNION

Richard Dorman '75 is the new president of Westminster College. He and his wife. Beverly Asmus '76 Dorman, live in New Wilmington, Pa., with their son, Daniel, and daughter, Kelly.

1976

Dayld Kammerer '76 earned his Ph.D. in ethnomusicology in December from the University of Hawai'l at Manoa. His dissertation title is "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord': Brass Bands and Cultural Identity in Tonga's Christian Kingdom." He has been on the music faculty of Brigham Young University-Hawai'i since 1993. He was appointed chair of the Department of Fine Arts at BYUH, effective December 1, 2008. His wife, Elizabeth Daum '77 Kammerer, has taught at Kahuku High School since 1993 and was named Hawai'i State Teacher of the Year in 1997.

William Swanger '76 received a master's degree in strategic University of Missourt's School of Journalism; he also was named to Kappa Tau Alpha,

the national honor society communication. He is the lives near Mechanicsburg, Pa.,

Michèle LeFever '78 Quinn, chief development officer of YWCA Delaware, has won the Brandywine Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals' 2008 Philanthropy Day Fundraising Executive of the Year award. She began her fundralsing career in 1990 as the Arden site coordinator at Wilmington Montessori School and previously worked at the Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts. The Association of Fundraising chapters throughout the world.

30TH REUNION

Joan Robinson '80 McMillen

was elected chair of the Clearfield County, Pa., commissioners at their meeting in January. She was also elected to chair the salary board as per the county code.

Taylor Camerer'81 accepted the position of pastor of Greencastle Presbyterian Church. He and his wife, Suzanne Heath '81, live in

Greencastle, Pa., with their three daughters.

Zach Smith '81 was named a new member of the Ferry coordinator for the Wright at Tufts University and is

25TH REUNION

Anna Milheim '84 Jordan is in her third year with the technology department of the Downingtown Area School Charlie Jordan '83, are thrilled that their oldest daughter, Charlotte, is now a member of SU's class of 2012.

recently passed the New Jersey the N.I. Department of Health and Senior Services as an S.H.I.P. and counselor.

Anny Murphy '85 Nolen was one of three fellows appointed to the Katharine Houghton Hepburn Center at Bryn Mawr College, She is the managing director of Philadelphia's Arden Theatre.

Gary Daniels '88 is working for Medical Express Ambulance Service, based in Halifax, Pa. He provides medical transport services to residents of northern Dauphin County. He is also involved in an effort to provide a medical facility in the northern Dauphin County region.

20TH REUNION

Eric Mueller '90 was recently named the counselor and

services at Lakeland Community College in Mattoon, Ill. He Church in Charleston, Ill His wife. Melinda Cuddy '90 Mueller, continues to teach political science at Eastern Illinois University. She was named professor laureate for the 2008-00 academic year. recognizing her outstanding education. They have two

Annmarie Innamorati '92 Poslock was named director of marketing for Nicos Polymers Group. She received her M.B.A. from Wilkes University in May 2008. She lives in Shavertown. Pa., with her husband, Doug, and two children, Drew, 10, and Sophia, 6.

Renata Sirota '92 was selected as CFO of IBSG International Inc., in Celebration, Fla., a holding and software subsidiaries.

Ken Slover '92 was promoted to director of sales at TradeWinds N.H. He lives in Portsmouth.

N.H., with his wife, Kathy, and sons, Matthew and Patrick,

Kathleen Albert '93 Vespignani has been nominated and included in the 2008 edition of Who's Who Among American Women, Kathleen is a music teacher and choral director at Black River Middle School in Chester, N.J. She obtained a master's degree in education from Gratz College, Melrose Park, Pa., and holds is currently completing a administration from Centenary College in Hackettstown, N.J. She lives in Blairstown, N.J., with her husband and their two sons.

15TH REUNION

Born to Nancy and Scott Stimson '94, a son, Scott Parker Jr., Jan. 16, 2008. He joins Sarah, Elise and Shannon. Scott is a business development officer for VIST Financial in Blue Bell, Pa.

Born to Michael '96 and Jennifer Lukach '96 Bradley, a daughter, Sophia Rose, Dec. 19. She joins big brother Michael Jr., 3. Mike is the assistant director of the residence program at St. Joseph Medical Center in Reading, Pa. Jennifer is a special education attorney with McAndrews Law Offices in Wyomissing, Pa. They live in Bernville, Pa.

Born to Jason and Sherry Rosen-'96 Bogle, a daughter, Lauren Grace, Sept. 5. She joins big sister Emily. Sherry is an adoption program manager for KidsPeace National Centers in Williamsport and Danville, Pa. They live in Cogan Station, Pa.

Born to Jim '97 and Andrea Weaver '96 Merante, a daughter, Ava, Sept. 28. They live in Harrisburg, Pa.

Born to Kevin and Amy Grenoble '96 Zook, a son, Kaeden Alexander, June 16. They live in Shippensburg, Pa.

Born to Lee and Caroline Bradley '97 Barry, a daughter, Avery Elizabeth, Oct. 4. They live in West Chester, Pa.

Born to Thomas and Melissa Zelensky '97 Bellino, a son. Rocco Thomas, on Oct. 28, the couple's eighth wedding anniversary. He joins big brother Anthony and sister Annabella. They live in McDonald, Pa.

Born to Andy and Allison Record '97 Haves, a son, Justin Andrew, Aug. 30. They live int. Boston, Mass.

HOW BEDWICKS THE BOX - mile Born to Michael and Kristen Anderson '97 Mattera, a butal daughter, Margaret Elizabeth (1) Oct. 17. Maggle is the little sister of Matthew and Christopher, and the niece of Gretchen Anderson '03. They live in Newtown, Conn

Iim Merante '97 - see 1996. a daughter.

Born to Natalie and Todd Paylovich '97, a daughter, Brielle Elizabeth, June 23. Todd is a senior biopharmaceutical representative with Amgen, specializing in oncology. They live in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Spotlight: Tom Huffine '92

### Inside the Ring with HBO

One can hardly imagine two more dissimilar sports than men's golf and boxing—the first, a gentleman's idyll in the sun on manicured greens and fairways: the second, a warrior's battle under klieg lights amid howling spectators. And yet it was a serendipitous meeting on a golf course that led Tom Huffine '92 to become immersed in the world of boxing as presented by HBO, and later to receive Emmy Awards for his production work on documentaries such as Legendary Nights and Ring Life.

After graduating from SU with a degree in communications. Huffine returned to his hometown of Stamford, Conn., setting his sights on nearby New York City and the highly competitive broadcasting field. One day he decided to relax with a game of golf. A single was allowed to join a threesome of strangers, one of whom was the producer/director of the local high school football game of the week. Seeing an opportunity. Huffine mentioned that he was looking for a job in television and, between forays into the rough and extrications from sand traps, asked a few wellplaced questions about the man's work. On the 10th hole, he was offered a job.

It wasn't glamorous at first. He started by pulling cable for end-zone cameras. But in time he was doing entry-level, freelance production work (setting up computers, logging footage in tage trucks) for television stations in the greater New York City area. For a year he worked at ESPN, and while helping with the production of the first X Games, he met a contact who would give him his next big break-a position on the production staff of HBO's documentary team.

Huffine fondly remembers his days at SUthe small-town life, working as a disc jockey for WQSU, and, in particular, a communications class by professor Bob Gross, whose experience with the alitzy world of professional wrestling inspired him to teach a hands-on, practical approach toward the entertainment business."I learned that you have to be aggressive in finding your niche," says



Huffine. "You can't win an Emmy by getting coffee for people."

Huffine, 38, lives on Long Island with his wife, Joanne Ward '91, and their 6-year-old son, Jason, He commutes to the HBO offices in the city, where his primary focus is producing the award-winning Ring Life, a serial documentary that tells a boxer's story in three segments; preparation, the fight itself and the aftermath, "Boxing is in our blood at HBO," says Huffine, "and nobody does it better."

He sees a certain poetry in the sport—the kind of poetry captured by a director like Martin Scorsese in Raging Bull-and strives to be creative as he oversees all aspects of production, from the writing to the selection of music. Huffine says there are fringe benefits as well, such as hanging out with the likes of George Foreman and Lennox Lewis. And it's always fun when the cast of popular HBO shows poke their heads in his office to say hi. "Most of them are very friendly," he says. "But let's face it. They like their free boxing tickets."

Larry Gaffney is a contributing writer from Williamsport, Pa.

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#### Spotlight: John Klemeyer '70

### Playwright at Heart

When John Klemper's 16-year-old daughter volunteered him for a small part as a midled egged gentleman in her high school play, he thought, why net? Entreached as an atterney for the Milliont, Pa., firm of Beecher, Rose & Klemeyer, he was used to a daily grid of an adversarial situations. The foes a firm of a collaborative endeavor appealed to him. The experience proved satisfying and led to a set for the management of the performance in amateur trebartial productions. Klemeyer'70 decided he had found a suitable avaccidant to counterbalance the rigors of law, But in 1958 the avocation grew into something larger when he suffreed an attack of appendiction.

He shared a hospital room with a young man who had two gifflends—each duless at to the other's editence. The complications were, as Stemeyer pot it, "hysterical," and whenever he told the tale to friends they would remark that he should fashion it into a play. He did, and Twice Removed, a fare, received suffidient critical and audience appreciation to spur him to a part-time career as a playwight. His most recent play, Negotives, about three adult shilings who make an alaming find while going through their father's personal effects, was invited in 2007 to the New York State Ibeater Festival at Cleins Falls, where it received seven awards. Klemeyer will present the play during Susquehanna's Spring Filing weekend Junes Stround. The

Klemeyer is adept at drawing both from his own Ilfe and from the news for inspiration. The discovery of a car that had been lost at the bottom of a lake for 30 yeas—and of the two skeletons within—inspired him to begin a play with the working ritle The Deep End. And his experiences as a tear of the samp with the University from cluring his days at 5U) yielded an other current project, as yet untitled, about understudied as no pera hous who sit around backstage in full dress, gossiping and lasiving cards.

Memeyer finds his day job more than satisfying. A senior partner in a small-town firm for 35 years, his work is a mix of municipal, matrimonial and civil litigation. He deals with individual clients, not coporations, and is challenged to help them to meet their expectations—and to recognize the limits of those expectations—in the quest



for a common gail. Despite the demands of law, be considers playwriting the most difficult thing, by fac, that he has ever done. "It's much harder than acting!" he say, with some authority, having recently played Caudius in a production of Hamlet. Accompanied whenever possible by his daughters—Lana, a galoaute of the Fashion institute of Technology who designs shoes for a living, and criars, a Boston a formey—Henney extends as many plays as he can. "The acting, the directing, the lighting, the production—they realways uniformly excellent. But If the play is badly written, one of that matter.

klenneyer, formerly a guard for SUS basketball team and these days a competitive tennis player, has no intention of slowing down. He is an avid reader of politics, history and, of course, drama. He has formulated an asserbatic." The work in interest in the awant garde," he says. "I want to write things that people will relate to in real life. I want to write something that will shine."

arry Gaffney is a contributing writer from

Brad Swinsburg '97 joined J.P. Morgan in Atlanta and is a vice president in the firmis private bank. Brad is a global investor specialist and advises ultrahigh net worth individuals and families on their investment portfolios and heldings.

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Scott A, Johason '98 was promoted to vice pestident, business services and technology for the Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM) in Philadelphia, Pa. In his new cole Scott leads business operations for SHM, which supports hospitalists and hospital medicine, the fastest growing medical specialty in history. Soots lives in North Wales, Pa., with his wife. Cavery Harney-Govan' o. Johnson, and dauchter, Caleish.

Born to Andrew and Kim Sell '98 Hutnik, a daughter, Hazel Anne, Dec. 11, 2008. They live in Elizabethtown, Pa.

Born to John 'oo and Michelle Hoffman '98 Steigerwald, a daughter, Claire Madeline, June 19. They live in West Chester, Pa.

Jennifer Voigt '98 married Eamonn Dunne, June 4, at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Church in Avoca, County Wicklow, Ireland. They live in Arklow, County Wicklow, Ireland.

1999

10TH REUNION

Charles Bull '99 performed a piano and organ recital at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Acton, Mass., on Feb. 26. The recital focused on the work of French composer Claude Debussy, including the famous prelude Clair de Lune, as well as works by Bach and Liszt.

Denya Decker'99 married Michael Miller Jr., June 7 at the Atlantis Resort, Paradise Island in the Bahamas. Denye is working at KPMG LLP in Philadelphia. They live in Westhampton, N.J.

Born to Michael and Michele Cardiello '99 DelCorsano, a daughter, Sienna Paige, Aug. 7. They live in Fanwood, N. I.

Deborah Kline '99 earned a master's degree in health service administration from the George Washington University in May 2008. She was licensed as a nursing home administrator in the Commonwealth of Virginia in August and currently works for Sunrise Senior Living in Arlington, Va

Born to Oliver and Barbara Jones'99 Leek, a son, Henry Richard, Sept. 2. Barbara is a senior quality assurance engineer at Fidelity Investments. They live in Holliston, Mass.

Michael Schaefer '99 married Dana Sears, Sept. 20 in Bethany Beach, Del. They live in Ocean View, Del.

Kevin Updegrove '99 was promoted to brand manager/ men's apparel for JCPenney Inc. in Plano, Texas. He lives in Dallas

Born to Karen and Brian Williams '99, a daughter, Ella Dianne, July 3, They live in Denver, Colo.

Kimberly Wilson '99 married Matthew Connor, July 19 at Endwell, N.Y., Greens Golf Club. Emily Perretti '99 Hewitt and Dana Capobianco '99 Stackhouse were in the wedding. Kimberly is a buyer for the NFL at GSI Commerce in King of Prussia, Pa. They live in Strafford, Pa.

2000

Melissa Ruozzi 'oo married Darren Scartissi, Sept. 19 at Sacred Heart Church, Weymouth, Mass. The reception was held at the Easton Country Club. **Bethany Katz** 'oo attended the wedding.

Born to Kevin and Amanda Thistle 'oo Natalie, a daughter, Emma Riley. She joins big brother TJ. They live in

Courtney Sokol '04 married Jay Oliveira, Sept. 14 at the Brookside Club in Bourne, Mass. Courtney is an auditor at the Steamship Authority. They live in Feet Felipouth. More

John Steigerwald '00 — see 1998, a daughter.

Falmust Williams 'oo received a promotion at CNA Insurance He will be handling client accounts related to specialty ines. He lives in Maitland, Fla.

2001

William Cleary '01 is a consultant with Deloitte Consulting in Philadelphia and is enrolled in the executive MBA program at Villanova University.

Roxanne Halpine 'on had a poem, "Bored Genie," selected for the third volume of the Zoland Poetry Anthology, an international collection that features poetry in translation as well as works in English. Two poems by Gary Fincke, professo of English and creative writing and director of the Writers Institute, are in the volume.

Born to Myriam and Andrew Hertzog 'oı, a son, Lewis Peter, Nov. 30. He joins big brother Aidan. They live in Glenside, Pa.

Sue Janas 'or married Jason ...
Doersam, June 2: at the United 'Methodist Church in Paxtonville,
Pa. The couple spent their
honeymoon in the Poconos.
They live in Northumberland, Pa.

Born to Thomas and Karen Summerhill '01 O'Donnell, a daughter, Anna Kathryn, July 29. She joins big brother William. They live in Mystic, Conn.

Born to Christopher' or and Amanda Mitchell '02 Reuz, a daughter, Kennedy Ann, Dec. 8. Kennedy joins big sister Molly. Amanda has left teaching to become a stay-at-home mom, while Christopher continues to pursue his advertising career in New York City. They live in Wes Haven, Conn.

Born to Ryan 'o1 and Tara Buhay '01 White, a son, Tyler Ryan, April 23, 2008. They live in Mechanicshum Pa

2002

Andrew Florio '02 married Sarah Lovinger, Sept. 13 at Setauket Presbyterian Church. Andrew is the pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church in Greenville, S.C., where they live.

Christina Reedy 'oo Guadalupe was awarded a scholarship from the San Antonio Library Foundation called the Mejor Futuro Scholarship. She expects to graduate in December from the University of North Texas with her master's degree in library science.

Born to Janna and Brad Whitenight 'o2, a son, Brayder Jesse, Jan. 16, 2008. They live in Dover, Del., where Brad is the director of choral activities at Dover High School.

2003

law degree on May 17, 2008, from Temple University Beasley School of Law.

Born to Andrew and Becki Bert '03 Campanaro, a son, Caleb Marley, Sept. 17. They live in Tempe, Ariz.

Born to Brian and Angela Fegely '03 Johnson, a daughter, Adelaide Claire, Sept. 26. Angela is a financial analyst in the controllers department of Morgan Stanley Investment Management in Conshohocken, Pa. They live in Birdsboro, Pa.

Patrick Johnson '03 married Laura Lindberg on Sept. 20. They live in Conshohocken, Pa.

Jenni Rowles '03 Rach is the new assistant director of student union and involvement services for Greek life at Kutztown University. She advises all 18 Greek-letter organizations and programs for Greek students. Jenni and her husband live near Macuneic, PA.

Nick Ripatrazone '03 won third place in the Keryon Review short fiction competition, and his story "The Beathery Elegies' appears in the current issue of the magazine. He has published a number of stories and is culting an online literary magazine called Quidsdilver. A story by Gary Fincke, professor of English and creative writing and director of the Witters Institute, and an essay by Jay Varner '03 appear in the first Issue.

2004

STH REUNION

Elizabeth Emigi O<sub>4</sub> married Brian Albert, May 17, 2008, at Ski Roundtop in Lewisberry, Pa. Amanda Meshon O<sub>4</sub> and Brad Perva' O<sub>5</sub> were in the wedding parry, Other alumni attending were Christina Illig' O<sub>4</sub>, Kara Schomber O<sub>4</sub>, Kara Carbart 'O<sub>4</sub>, Regan Karner' O<sub>4</sub> and Melissa Steinmetz' O<sub>4</sub>. Elizabeth is a marketing coordinator at Super'slu Inc. They live in Camp Hill, Pe.

### Alumni Notes

Raina McConnell '04 works in the staffing and career development department of Yale University as a recruiter.

Elizabeth "Liz" Palmer '04 received a master of science degree in music education in May 2008 from Towson University. Liz is currently teaching elementary school band in Prince George's County, Md. This summer she was on tour in China for the band salute to the 2008 Olympic Games.

Oheka Castle in Huntington, N.Y. Margo Simcox '04, Sara Lauver '04 and Christina Myers '04 were in the wedding party.

Ashley Staples '04 married Joseph Mannisto, June 21 at the Hilton They live in Winthrop, Maine.

Tabitha Adams '05 married Brandon Studer, Oct. 18. Katje Magee '05 Fiore and Allison Karpy '05 were bridesmaids.

Also in attendance were Kerri Eshleman '05, Matt Hubbard '05, Zina Rose '05, Cheryl Smith '06, Sara Weaver '05 and Erin Weller 'os.

Abagail Goss '05 married Craig Perdew, Sept. 20 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Mifflintown, Pa. The reception was held at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club in Selinsgrove, Pa. Jeanne Mielke '03 Goss and Matt Goss '02 were in the bridal party. Other SU alums in attendance were Mary Elisabeth Kelley '05, Gwyneth Hecht '05, Christine Lizzi '05, Kristen Reineke 'os, Siobhan McCormick 'os, Heather Linton '08, Rachel Devilbiss '08, Brett Schrader 03, Bill Thomas '02, Stefanie Cole '03 Thomas, Eric Brown '02, and Nathan Metzger '04. The couple lives in Abingdon, U.S. Army at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Mary

examined the effects of a and behavior. She has accepted a position at the Environmental

for Al-Anon Family Groups, annual publications. She has been accepted as a 2009 corps

Protection Agency Washington, D.C.

Kera Laicha '07 married RJ Martucci '06, Aug. 30 in Lebanon, Pa. Tracey Markow '07 and Andy Gilbert '06 were in the wedding party. Jennifer Evans '07, Meghan Loughran '07, Kathryn Clark '07, Kendra Boyer '07, Justin Cushing '06, Matt Bowker '06, Brlan Kaylor 'os and Dave Blouch 'os attended the wedding. Accounting professors Richard Davis and Barbara McElroy also were in attendance.

Wendy McCardle '06 has been a bureau reporter for the Altoona Mirror newspaper in Altoona, Part She lives in New Enterprise, Pa.

Kimberly Rosa '06 is the communications assistant editing monthly, quarterly and member by Teach for America fourth through eighth grades in bilingual classrooms. She will

and begin teaching in the fall.

Diane Lagowski '08 married Daniel Roberts, Aug. 17 at Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church in North Brunswick, N.J. Diane is an audit associate with KPMG in Princeton. They live in North Brunswick. 40 11-110 المفاصيلين للكلأ

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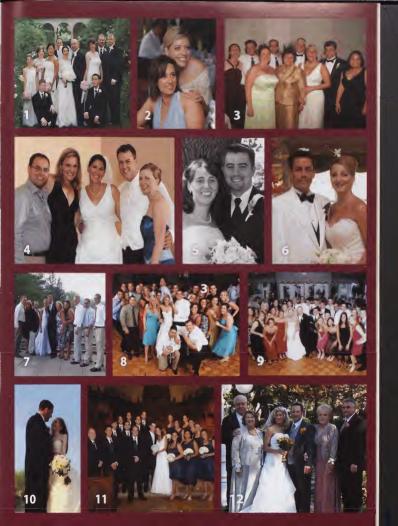
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- Aaron Kramer '01 married Army Rys on July 12 at Hunter Mountain Ski Lodge, N.Y. Pictured are, left to right: Brad Noll '01, Lindsay Hayes' 01, Jake Quint' 01, Army and Aaron, Lee Kramer '01, Kvistin Caputro '01, Chris Knickerbocker '01, Joe Foglia '01 and Jason Kramer'
- 8. Charlotte Gould '02 married Andrew Natiller '23 on Sept. 6 at the Lutherium Church of Heamsraction in Yardiey, Pa. A reception at Jericho National Golf Clob in New Hope followed the ceremon, Tiley phoneymond in Costa Pica. Beday Mogres '02, Katrina Emery '02 Moore, Elles Demmon '02 Turnes, Bill Heinzelmann '04, Tim Roods in Hewestern, and Andy words in finance in Constribution, where the couple redder. Heterated are, left or 169 kpb. Enteror 102 Turnes, Bill Heinzelmann '04, Mind Roods in Heavestern, and Andy words in finance in Constribution, where the couple redder. Heterated are, left or 169 kpb. Enteror 102 Turnes Howard '02, Ranky Higes' '02; second rover Beday Rogers' '02, Charlotte and Andy, Bill Nelrozalmann' '04, Robin Clarks' '104, Cuttin Meara '106, Meigran Patrono' '03, Else Demmon' '02 Turners' that' drow '47 kpt. Second '104, Cuttin Meara '106, Meigran Patrono' '03, Else Demmon' '02 Turners' that' drow '47 kpt. Second '104, Second '1
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- 11. Stephanie Liberati '03 married Patrick Sehn on Oct...4 at Heinz Chapel in Pittsburgh, Pa
- 12. Kara Truffirth '03 man not Jame Serino on Oct. 18 at the Bethwood in Totowa, Nu-Pictured are, left to right: parents of the bride, Richard and Janice Trefflich, Kara and Jamie and <u>parents of the group</u>, John and Carol Seri<u>oo</u>.

We can't keep up! SU alumni are getting married at lightning speed. Congratulations to all the happy couples. We love seeing your wedding photos, particularly those that depict the strong alumni tendition of sharing in each others' happy days. So we thought we would issue alumning challenge.

The fart high-resolution wedding blots with the large trumber of alamoi in them will be published in the Wedding Album section of Suqueishans Current. But don't work, We still want to fear about other blasted justons. Will post all other wedding photos on the new online alumni network, SVBridge. If you're not already a member, dies a transfer at temperature and the strength of the property of th



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- 14. Aileen Carlson '06 married Adam Dreibelbis '07 on Sept. 6 at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Coatesville, Pa. Mark Dreibelbis '05, Spencer Paschal '07, Jordan Samet '07, Craig Johnson '06, Jennifer Sprague '06 and Ashley Edwards '06 were in the wedding party. Chaplain Mark Wm. Radecke officiated, Aileen is an office manager at Region 1 - ELCA, and Adam is a graduate student at the University of Washington Pictured are, left to right, back row: David Eyster '66, Jane Heiser '75 Eisenhart, Tami Radecke, Chaplain Mark Radecke, Spencer Paschal '07, Mark Dreibelbis '05, Mickey Maley '07, Shawn Berkebile '05, Matthew McDonald '08, John Pearce '06, Lauren Girio '06, Dante Viglino '06, Aaron White '04, Kelly Cara '06, Pat O'Neill '06, Jordan Samet '07, Jenna Knepp '06 Bickford, Meredith Blankinship '08, Jesse Heath '07, Sarah 8urkhardt '08, Jill Trimmel '08, Amy Troxell '08, Allie Martin '08, Sara Jane Luley '08, Tom Kiczula '09 and Kristina Fangmann '09; front row: 8ryan White '08, Jen nifer Sprague '06, Judy Gessner '80 White, Kellie Kremser '06, Rebecca 8ux '06, Maribeth White '10, Adam and Aileen, Kristen Maines '08, Tina Fegley '08, Jason Northridge '06, Brian Sheppard '08, Craig Johnson '06, Ian Horton '08 and Derek Hayworth '07
- 15. Shelley Reppert '06 married Ryan Fayewicz on Aug. 16 at the New Jerusalem Zion United Church of Christ in Krumsville, Pa. They live in Pittsburgh, Pa. Pictured are, left to right, first row: Megan Klinger '06, Tara Teschko '06, Elizabeth "Bizz" Laub '06, Megan Janssen '06 Schroeder, Shelley and Ryan, Enca Wagner '06, Adam Hess '06 and Jenna I will be a second of the seco
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- 5. Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter

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- 1. The Rev. David Volk 152 and Eleanor Dively 156 Hoffman enjoyed the sights of Egypt in November, Eleanor joined David, his wife, Carnyn, and 14 others on a livumey to the land of the Pharach's that included a cruise on the Nile.
- 2. Dun '70 and Darcy Jones '72 Hamlin celebrated Don's 60th birthday in Bhutan
- Mark Cummins '78 was recognized for the fourth consecutive year by the Association for Financial Professionals as part of the 2008 AFP Honors Program He is the executive wice president, chief investment officer and treasurer of Harleysville insurance

# **Snapshots**

- Chris Barrett '83 Ryan and Arriy Ploch '83 Zapp ran the Applefest half marathon relay race on Oct. 4, 2008. Pictured are Amy, Chris, Jane Natches and Randy Natches, Amy's sister and brother-in-law.
- Celebrating the 50th birthday of Frank Arena '80 on Nov. 15 at Ferraro's Restaurant in Westlield, N.J., are Doug Behre '79, Michael Walch '79, Dave Yazujian '80, Mike Contreras '80, Frank and Gary Newman '80.
- 6. Nick Slinoki 83 and Tommy Dempsey 97 met in Lamphome, Pa. Their sons play on the same baseball and football teams for Lamphome Altheir Association Baseball and Fennedd Wildicast Football. Pictured are, left to right, front row. Tommy Dempsey, and Nids Slienok, back row. Tommy Dempsey, 97, Emily Dempsey, Amy Harmon '99 Dempsey, Bain Dempsey, Nancy Adson. '89 Silenok, Sarah Silenok and Nick Slienok, '85.
- A minireunion was a highlight of the year so far for these girls. Pictured are, left to right: Carolyn "Midge" Keelin '90 Hauser, Angie Johnson '90 Kulmann, Joella McNor '90 Grube and Robin Hastings '90 Sheedy.
- Kirsty Montalbano '00, Ryan Kaisoglus '00 and Melinda Spexiel '00 reunited in Vienna, Austria, in February 2008. Kirsty and Melinda were on a music education tour of Europe organized by NYSCAME. (New York State Council of Admissitators of Music Education) and NYO (Metropolitan Youth Orchesta). The major cities they toured
- A group of Kappa Delta sisters got together at Jenniller Ashton '00 Robinson's home in Harrisburg. Pictured are, Teft to right: Casey Segen'00, Karolyn Sadowski '00,





- 10. A small group of 2001 graduates met in Mystic, Conn., for a girls' weekend. Pictured are, left to right: Jennifer Chizik Carvajal, Lauren Barbarito Churchill, Kelly
- 11. Thirteen Kappa Delta alumni garhered outside the Kappa Delta noise during Homecoming Reumon Weekend 2008. Pctured are, left to right, front row, Jenna Amstrang '03 Gengrowint son Scott, Citian Britisigio '09, Nichola Potri '03, Allisen Zyla '03, Bridgette Luzier '03, Angela Auman' '03 Motto (with daughter Ave), middle row; Kelly Deer' (04, Erin Gilston '03); back row; Kristin Cohick' '03, Carly Kellett '03 Mondschean, Nicola Apur '03, Britisin' Allismon' 28 delta '04.

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Robin Adams '10, Janet Melton '78, Lindsay Melton '11, Bill Sowers '86, Trevor Hain '12, Kim Bailey Hain '83, Bob Hain '82; fourth row (left to right): Anna Milheim Jordan '84, Arny Adams '09, Judith Yohn Adams '75, Melinda Scovell McGrony, Anne Dorman '09, Bill

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#### Corrections 2007–08 Annual Report

A gift from Lyn F. Benson '91 in memory of David N. Pritchard '91 was inadvertently excluded from the Honorary/ Memorials section.

The following Individuals should have been cited as being donors every year since graduating:

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Anne-Marie D'Andrea should have been included in the Benjamin Kurtz Society for the Class of 2002.

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# In Memoriam

The Rev. Robert R. Clark · 1913-2008

The Rev. Robert Roy Clark '35 died at Freys Village, Middletown, Pa., on May 16, 2008. A respected pastor, author and editor, Clark dedicated his life to serving and educating others.

Born on April 25, 1913, in Jersey Shore, Pa, the son of William H. and Isabella Lupton Clark, he earned his bachelor's degree in English and Greek from Susquehanna University, where he was an active student leader. He earned his bachelor of divinity and master of sacred theology degrees at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettvoburg.

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Clark went on to serve the Lutheran Church with distinction as pastor of the central Pennylyania parishes in Hartleton, Laurelton State Village and Port Royal, as well as Christ (Casebeer) Lutheran Church in Somerest and Tinity Lutheran Church in Somerest and Tinity Lutheran Church in Senerest and Tinity Lutheran Church in Senerest and Tinity Lutheran Church in Senerest and Tinity Lutheran Church in Mechanicsburg. Throughout his career, he was beloved and respected for his kindness, generos its of mixing and affection for a different of the control of

He married the former Kathryn Maize of Jersey Shore on May 29, 1938 They were married 34 years, until her death in 1972

As editor of the Susquehanna University student newspaper, Clark displayed the talents that led to an acclaimed career as a religious correspondent and as an author and editor for 12 years for the Board of Publications of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Clark served his alma mater on the Board of Directors of Suguehanna University from 1981 to 1984, provided valuable service in organizing the university archives, and was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree from the institution in 1998. He also served as class reporter for the Class of 1935.

In 1998, Clark established the Robert R. '35 and Kathryn M. Clark Scholarship Fund at Susquehanna, which will award an annual scholarship to worthy students studying for the Lutheran ministry.

Clark is survived by a daughter, Priscilla Clark '66 Bashore, a son-in-law, Larry Bashore '66, of Mechanicsburg, and granddaughter, Jill Bashore '92, also of Mechanicsburg, He is also survived by his son, Dr. Philip M. '62 Clark, a daughter-in-law, Ellen Clark, of South Amboy, N.J., and a daughter, Kathleen Clark Kuhns. In addition to his wife. Clark was preceded in death by a brother, the Rev. George A. Clark '38. Expressions of sympathy may be addressed to Priscilla at PBash'766@aol. Com

### Deaths

Martha Laudenslager '31 Davis, Carlisle, Pa., and Maryland.

The Rev. Paul Hartline '31, Easton, Pa., Jan. St. Matthew's, Weatherly, from 1943 to 1949; emeritus at the church from 1981 until his death. Hartline also served the sick and shut-ins Phillipsburg, N.J., and the YMCA. He was a the Phillipsburg Masonic Lodge No. 52 F&AM

1942 to January 1946. He was a member of the Harry Snyder Post 193 of the American Legion and a lifetime member of the Peterson Little was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in 1947 and conducted a general civil practice from 1947 of Cape May and the Township of Middle, in operated an insurance agency in Cape May. He was a lifetime member of the Military Officers Jersey Cape Chapter of the Military Officers the Hiram Lodge 616 of Pree and Accepted Masons and the Cold Spring Presbyterian Church. Club of Cape May, the Cape May Cottagers

May Beach Club and its board of trustees, and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxillary Flotilla 82 of Cape May.

Mary-Beth Richard '37 Knight, Austell, Ga., Nov. 5. She was a Knoxville, Tenn., resident from 1948 to 2006. After Susquehanns, she Nursing in Philadelphia. She served with many civic organizations, including the Timberlake Garden Club, of which she was a co-founder.

Marjorie Curtis '39 Hanson, Sun City West, Ariz., Dec. 12. During her teaching career, she taught high school English and second grade.

Bdward Sivick '39, Mechanicsburg, Pa., Sept. He was the medical director of vocational rehabilitation for the state of Pennsylvania. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army during

Louise E. West '39, Coaldale, Pa., Jan. 22. She taught for 28 years in the West Chester School taught for 11 years in Coaldale.

7. She taught music in the West Chester School District, retiring in 1966.

Dorothy Eilhardt '48 Gundrum, Whitehall, Pa., Oct. 24. She began her career in research chemistry and in retirement was a major fundraiser for WQED Multimedia in Pittsburgh. An enormous point of pride was her 58-year martiage to her husband. Eugene Gundrum '48.

Robert M. O'Gara '51, Middletown, N.J., Dec. 1. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Upon his discharge, he attended St. Benedict's Prep, where he played on a state as a member of the St. Benedict's baseball team that was undefeated from 1946 to 1950. He was also inducted into the Susquehanna University Sports Hall of Fame in 2001. He was retired wife, Elaine Faddis '50 O'Gara,

22, 2008. Her first job was in the employment phia. Once her daughters were born, Davis and caring for them. In 1969, the family moved from Shippensburg to State College, where from Pennsylvania State University and was a counselor in the Park Forest Junior High School for 18 years. She retired in 1991 and spent vacations traveling with her husband, Donald R. Davis '50 She is survived by Donald and her brother, Merrill Shafer '51.

Francis A. Gloster '52, Dec. 1. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1947. He was employed as an elementary school music teacher for 35 years, retiring in 1986.

M. Josephine Stuter '53, Belleville, Pa., Oct. 21. She taught for 30 years in the Carroll County Public Schools in Westminster, Md. She also substituted in Mifflin County schools for 10 years.

Ruth E. Osborn '54. Absecon, N.J., Dec. 27. She taught eight years in Pennsylvania and New Jersey before coming to Oakcrest High School in 1962. She taught Latin and honors English for 26 years. She was advisor for the yearbook. Drama Club and Honor Society. She won the prestigious Fulbright Award to attend the American Academy of the University of Rome, where she further pursued her interests in Latin and Italian, art and culture.

Russell I. Crouse '55, Orlando, Fla., June 24,

Linda Kanffman '71 Moyer, Strasburg, Pa., Nov. 24. Moyer was a reading and English teacher in the Pequea Valley School District for 35 years, most recently serving as chair of the English department. She also served as junior class advisor for 25 years. She is survived by her husband, Alan Mover '70, and niece, Britany Hufnagle '08.

Edward S. Horn Ir. 72, Coopersburg, Pa., Nov. 30. He was a member of the Naval Reserves and the Sea Bees from 1972 to 1978. He worked as a commercial lender in Bucks, Montgomery, Lehigh and Northampton counties. He is survived

Barbara Philbrick '73, Larchmont, N.Y., Oct. 7. from 1974 to 1986, when she decided to give up her successful career to raise her two young daughters. She is survived by John Wheaton '71.

Richard Jacobus '78, Branchville, N.J., Dec. 6. Palmolive Corp. in Morris Plains for the past 10; years. Before that, he was a manager with AT&T Morristown, for 15 years

### **End Notes**

### Zen and the Art of Teaching Abroad

By Jeffrey K. Mann, Associate Professor of Religion Coordinator of the Asian Studies Program



Before and immediately moment of congratulating and saving goodbye to the students who are graduating. We almost always end our conversations with "Stay age, doing so is quite easy. However, we know our contact will often be limited to words typed on a computer. especially with students who return home to countries around the world. I often assume I will never see them again. Sometimes I am wrong

has enjoyed a relationship

with Senshu University for many years. Every spring we receive roughly a dozen students from Japan as our guests for seven weeks. We also have the occasional exchange student who stays for an entire year. Thanks to the help of one such student, I was given the chance to spend the fall semester teaching at Senshu.

While some of my colleagues thought it odd that I would use my sabbatical from teaching here to teach somewhere else. I jumped at the opportunity, I love being in the classroom, and teaching Japanese students about Western religions they know nothing about was just the challenge I was seeking. Examining current events through the lens of religion was new for most of them, and I was happy to offer them that perspective.

At the same time that I was bringing my knowledge of Western religions to Japan, my new Japanese friends were helping me understand their religious traditions and culture more clearly. I have been researching the relationship between Zen Buddhism

and the martial traditions of Japan for a few years, but being in Japan allowed me to experience much of what I had only read about before then. Whether it was a morning spent in meditation at a Zen temple, a festival at a Shinto shrine or visiting a traditional Japanese archery dojo, I was deepening my understanding of these traditions. When one sociology professor, a fifthy .degree blackbelt in jodo (Japanese short-staff fighting) invited me to the world-famous Budokan to train with her teacher. I knew I was in for a treat. One does not walk away from such an experience having learned only about fighting, but also about Japanese etiquette, values, tradition and spirituality.

Throughout my 41/2 months in Japan, I not only met many new friends, but reconnected with many old ones as well. In September, I was greeted by shocked Senshu students who had been in my class during their stay at Susquehanna and were surprised to see me walking the halls of their university. A number of them signed up for my classes, while others made sure to join me for lunch in the cafeteria. Even Senshu graduates came back to visit. Miki Kovama, the student who helped initiate my connection with Senshu, stopped by. Our conversation, over my less-than-adventurous chicken terivaki, covered a variety of topics regarding both Japanese and American culture, but with the common thread of how much we appreciated being able to experience each other's culture. Doing so had helped us both understand our own respective cultures - - more clearly.

Another former student, Humi Pai, a Susquehanna alumna not connected with Senshu, visited the university sity for two of my public lectures. Catching up on each" other's life, work and hobbies, as old friends do, was a wonderful opportunity that neither of us expected when she graduated and left the United States. But we we bump into each other in unexpected places, it is a reunion we always appreciate. ~

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SU faculty members find innovative ways to engage students in their subject matter, both in and out of the classroom.

### The First Word

By L. Jay Lemons, President



President L. Jay Lemons

On May 10, we celebrated a very special occasion in the history of our beloved Susquehanna. As we concluded our sesquicentennial celebration, the 151st Commencement allowed us to pause and reflect on both our past and the possibilities of the future.

I stood before 426 graduates and told them that their years at Susquhanna have left a footprint on our campus, and that their experiences united them with those in the classes preceding theirs. I wished them well, hoping they had developed a sense of being rooted in a community that isn't bound by acreage. And as I have done in previous years, I expressed the hope and expectation that the latest the production of the produ

We also honored six individuals whose life stories tell us something about our history and also our distinct. We honored our distinct guilt hed Lummencement speaker, Cynthia A Balavirs, a former furstice on the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and the first African American female judge elected to the Allelgheny Court of Common Pleas. We also conferred honorary degrees on Bishop Mark S. Hanson, prestling bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and some of the university's most generous and esteemed friends's Lore A. Degenstein, Trustee Sidney J. Apfelbaum, Jeffrey C. Apfelbaum and Michael M. Apfelbaum

In honoring the bishop, we acknowledged our roots and the role of the ELCA in Susque-hanna's formation 150 years ago, which is manifest today in our deep commitment to intellectual freedom, a spirit of serving others, and an ethic of honoring and welcoming people of all beliefs, it also is size ficant that Gustaw Weber, the last Lutheran clergyman to serve as president of Susquebanna, developed a deep and abiding friendship of nearly 40 years with Charles Degenstein. a lewissiphil atthropist who helped provide us with our wings.

Gus' ambitious, audacious and energetic leadership, coupled with Charles' enduring philanthropic support and tireless encouragement, transformed the university and changed its trajectory. Charles, always in the company of his friend and attorney, Sidney Apfelbaum, nurtured many projects and many people here at Susquehanna. Throughout the last 20 years of his life, he was joined and fully supported in his work at Susquehanna by his second wife, Lore. Upon his death, Charles created a foundation for which Sidney and his two sons, Jeffrey and Michael, serve as trustees. They have continued his legacy of generous giving, making Susquehanna a better place, and their philanthropy has always been guided by an abiding interest in helping students achieve their educational pursuits. The Degensteins have made a college education possible for so many deserving students.

The progressive and pragmatic outlook of our founders, the friendship between Gus Weber and Charles Degenstein, and the invaluable roles Lore, Sidney, Jeff and Mike, as well as many others, have played in carrying forward Charles' legacy have all helped us deepen our commitment to making Susquehanna a larger, more diverse and inclusive place. Indeed, these strands of our history have fused together to create great strength and our distinctive excellence.

In huly, we advanced our commitment to these important goals with the appointment of Lisa Scott as special assistant to the president for equity and inclusion/chief diversity officer. See related article, Page 20.) Lisa brings superb experience and a fresh perspective to our diversity initiatives, which will remain key components of the university's new strategic plan currently under development. Prior to juning Susquehanna, Lisa served in a variety of executive-level poet these symporting diversity and inclusiveness. Including the most versity and inclusiveness. Including the most

### Family Weekend 2009 Oct. 30-Nov. 1



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A parent, student and faculty mixer at Pine Lawn, hosted by President and Mrs. L. Jay Lemons

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recent position as director of institutional equity and diversity at Denison University in Granville, Ohio.

In the coming year, we will take other important steps in promoting the diversity of this institution, including the opening of a Hillel House on University Avenue and the hiring of our first full-time director of Jewish life and learning. These initiatives will be complemented by our new focus on international student recruitment in the Far East and other parts of the world, as well as the implementation of a new Central

Curriculum with its new and unique study-away experiences called the GO program.

Our future is bright. I am grateful to all who have supported us throughout the years, and I am eager to engage capacity that will give us the wings to soar higher, intellectually nourishing and preparing our students for a world that is flatter and more diverse than our founders ever could have imagined. ~

### Covering the Waterfront On Teen Advocacy

SADD Chief Sees Epidemic in Underage Drinking, Drug Abuse

by Bruce E. Beans

SEVERAL YEARS AGO STEPHEN WALLAGE '84, the volunteer chairman and CEO of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions), sat in a soundproof booth observing California teenagers through a one-way window as they discussed drinking, drug use, sex and driving. The focus group was part of Teens Today, a seven-year study of adolescent attitudes and behaviors conducted by SADD and Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.

One youth, a 17-year-old high school senior, was regaling the others with tales of his adolescent indiscretions, including his substantial drug habit and his regular role as his friends' designated driver. "I drive wasted better than anyone else," hie boasted.

Across the hall, Wallace also watched the teen's mother, who was part of a parentsgroup. "I'm not sure why I'm here," she said. "Jared's not involved in any of these things. He prefers to spend weekends at home, playing Monopoly with his grandmother."

That's how Wallace opens his recent book, Reality Gap: Alcohol, Drugs and Sex— What Parents Don't Know and Teens Aren't Telling: "It's not that parents are just clueless," he say: As one teen told me, 'Some kids work overtime to make sure their parents aren't on their trail."

Since his first affiliation with SADD more than two decades ago, Wallace has become a widely quoted expert on teen behavior. NBC's Today, MSNBC, CNN, Fox News, El'Entertaliment, XM radio and national and regional newspapers, including the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal and USA Today, have all featured Wallace, a spokesperson for the White House Office of National Jorug Control Policy under the administrations of George W. Bush and Barack Obama.

In his day job, Wallace is principal of Summit Communications Management Corp., a consulting firm he operates from offices overlooking Boston Harbor. His regional and national clients have included telecommunications, energy and consumer product communics.

But Wallace's passion clearly is working with young people. In addition to hits ADD role, which involves regular speaking engagements across the country, he is an adjunct psychology professor at Mount Ida College, the director of counseling and counselor training at the Cape Cod Sea Camps, which he first attended as a boy; and a regular contributor to the American Camp Association (ACA) magazines and Web site. He was recently recognized by both the White House and the American Camp Association for his treless work on behalf of America's youth.



HIS CARBER ARC ESSENTIALLY STARTED AT SUSQUEHANNA. "Coming to Susquehanna and Selinsgrove was a very transformative experience for me," says Wallace, a native of Westfield, N.J., who moved with his family to Palm Beach County, Pla., as a teenager. Wanting

to succeed on Madison Avenue, he taking business courses and minor-

reason, as an 18-year-old freshman, I immediately sensed a friction between the community and the college," he says, "and I felt it was important not to be just another college be a problem, but someone who had made a contribution."

selor, the sprinter on Susquehanna's Selinsgrove youth swim team. He also classes, did peer counseling at Selins-

nuts," he recalls. "I'd walk down Marme and say hello. My friends joked, 'Are you running for something?"

But Wallace gained a lot, "I remember standing in the shallow end of the pool holding a burly man, helping him to float. I thought, 'This is kind of cool; I'm

community service-particularly youth mentoring-for college

people give for not choosing to use alcohol or other drugs is that they have a younger sibling for whom they are a role model." Research Wallace has reviewed also indicates youths

psychology and counseling at Bucknell University. Instead he worked at a Bloomingdale's in Short Hills, N.J., hoping that Madison Avenue eventually would beckon. But then he successfully applied for a job as a counselor on a locked adolescent psychiatric ward at Fair Oaks Hospital in Summit, near his

he recalls. "But I received very positive feedback from the clinical staff for being able to connect with the kids and have them feel comfortable with me."

Inspired, Wallace entered the two-year Bucknell program

the following fall. During his first year, he lived at Susquehanna as an life in charge of the Project House System, in which small groups of stu-

After earning his master's degree, for a year each in Palm Beach County Drunk, It had been formed in 1981 in nearby Wayland, Mass., following the alcohol-related auto fatalities of two student athletes. Intrigued, Wallace 1987 crisscrossing the country speakand then the director of communica-Even back then. I was talking about the important role that parents can

AND TEENS AREN'T TELLING PROTECTING KIDS IN A CHANGING WORLD

CHAIRMAN AND CEO OF SADD (STRUCKUS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE BEGISTORS)

> Stephen Wallace's enlightening book about the behavior of teens today

> > board member and in 1997, as its chairman and CEO, oversaw

Against Destructive Decisions. The organization now has more active student members.

has never been greater. "The bottom line is that, frankly, we have an epidemic of underage drinking and other drug use in young people, and we are seeing a downward trending regard-

ance reveals a spike in drinking between the sixth and seventh ninth grades and a sharp increase in intimate sexual behavior averages-many young people start even earlier-Wallace believes it is important for parents to recognize that the world in

which their children are living might be significantly different from the world they knew while growing up. "If we know the average age young people begin drinking is 12 or 13, waiting until they are in high school to start talking about alcohol use puts us way behind the curve. Massachusetts Gov. William Weld between 1991 and 1996: assistant secretary of consumer affairs and business regulation, and undersecretary of commic affairs. In the latter post, he was responsible for international trade and investment, travel and tourism, film and video development, and managing the

### "By knowing the choices kids face, parents can help them to make appropriate ones."

"And if we don't know the choices that our kids have to make almost every day, whether good or bad, we may not feel a sense of urgency to make sure they are prepared to make the decisions that not only we want them to make but, in many cases, the ones that they want to make?

Wallace frequently speaks to children who, he says, have be addecisions because they were unprepared and didn't know how to say no and walk away. "For example," he says, "it's profoundly sad to talk to a kid who had sex at a young age and regrest is, because it's not something they can take back.

"By knowing the choices kids face, parents can help them to make appropriate ones."



Wallace at a book signing for Reality Gap: Alcohol, Drugs and Sex.—What Parents Don't Know and Teens Aren't Telling

IN WHAT HE CALLS HIS "bizarre two-track career," besides his SADD positions and his business consulting, Wallace has held posts in political campaigns and state government. Blame his multiple Renaissance-man interests on his parents. His father was a successful vice president of a major New York City apparel manufacturing company, and his mother was "the quint-essential people person, somebody who woke up every single day of her life trying to figure out how to do things for others."

He left SADD in the late 1980s to handle communications for the campaign of his camp buddy Henri Rauschenbach, a Massachusetts state representative who then successfully won a state Senate seat. That success led to posts with a number of high-profile state political campaigns and culminated with two positions in the Republican administration of

state's marketing and advertising programs for business development. Extensive travel included leading a multistate trade delegation to Israel and Jordan.

Although he felt tremendously fortunate to work for Weld and learned a lot about some unfamiliar fields, a year after Wallace's 1995 election as SADD chairman he left state government and became a vice president with ML Strategies LLC, a consulting group associated with a national law firm. He launched his own Summit Communications three years later.

In 2001, however, as Summit was beginning to flourish, Wallace was recruited for both a senior management position with a company that staged major business conferences and a senior-level communications post with a major trade organization in Washington, D.C. When he sought advice, the first few friends he called told him he'd be absolutely crazy to turn down either job, if offered.

Then he called a New York business executive, a friend he'd met at the Cape Cod Sea Camps.

"Are you crazy?" his friend asked.

"I know, you're going to tell me I have to take one of them,"
Wallace replied.

"No, I'm going to tell you you'd be crazy to take either one," his friend said.

"Why?"

"Because you have what most people would kill for."

"What's that?" Wallace asked.

"A successful career in business, government and politics, and at the same time you're able to pursue something you feel passionate about: working with kids."

IT WAS, WALLACS BATS, A SEMINAL MOMENT—and good advice whether you're a college student, a recent graduate or a recent retiree. "They were wonderful opportunities, but I would have missed the chance to continue trying to make a contribution to America's youth and families, he says.

"At the end of the day, following something you are passionate about is what's going to make you feel good about yourself and help you grow as an individual."

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THE GREEK PHILOSOPHER PLUTA H ONCE ALD, "The mind is not a vesto spark a passion for learning in their students. They accomplish this through a variety of pedagogical practices. The premise behind many of these practices. tices is that no question has just one answer. And just as questions have months than one answer, effective teaching requires more than a single approach the state of the state The skillful planning and forethought of Susquehanna's faculty members and the skillful planning and forethought of Susquehanna's faculty members and the skillful planning and forethought of Susquehanna's faculty members and the skillful planning and forethought of Susquehanna's faculty members and the skillful planning and forethought of Susquehanna's faculty members and the skillful planning and forethought of Susquehanna's faculty members are skillful planning and forethought of Susquehanna's faculty members are skillful planning and forethought of Susquehanna's faculty members are skillful planning and forethought of Susquehanna's faculty members are skillful planning and forethought of Susquehanna's faculty members are skillful planning and forethought of Susquehanna's faculty members are skillful planning and forethought of Susquehanna's faculty members are skillful planning and forethought of Susquehanna's faculty members are skillful planning and forethought of Susquehanna's faculty members are skillful planning and forethought of Susquehanna's faculty members are skillful planning and forethought of Susquehanna's faculty members are skillful planning and forethought of Susquehanna's faculty members are skillful planning and forethought of Susquehanna's faculty members are skillful planning and forethought are skillful planning and faculty members are skillful planning and faculty are skillful planning and fa

vield numerous examples of out-of-the-box teaching methods. Provost and Deals "SU faculty has been engaged in innovative pedagogy since I first came here 20 years ago. It's just the way we do business," she says.

Laurence Roth, professor of English and coordinator of the Jewish Studies program, says he sees no alternative to innovation. He believes good teaching relies memorable learning experience.

Every lucky student has had at least one. Consider the professor of political theory who insists that his students listen to his retelling of Plato's Republic, fashthe class to crack open a translation of the seminal work. Or imagine the English teacher who on the first day of class passes out pages of Latin roots and promises that by year's end every student will know the translation of the roots, not by rote learning, but through use of an expanded vocabulary.

Years later, students look back at these experiences and remember not a teacher who stood before a lectern, but rather the moment of ignition that sparked a conflatration of curiosity and learning that delivered them to an avocation or vocation. The state of the s



Students in Lynn Palermo's Advanced Conversation and Phonetics French class perform A Wolf's Tale of Victimhood and Villainy, based on the classic tale Le Petit Chaperon Rouge (Little Red Riding Hood).

FROM THE MOMENT Lynn Palermo learned the Lore Degenstein Gallery housed a permanent collection of ap-

Donated to the university in 1907-50

at different points in modern history.

Palermo put that assertion to the test last spring students in her Women in Postwar France class to launch a full-scale art exhibition using the posters. The result was Le Salon des Arts Ménagers (The Household Arts Exhibition): Posters of the Modern French Home 1945-1982. The bilingual exhibition depicted the French government's ideal of the modern home of the 1950s and 1960s as a model of cleanliness and harmony. These ideals were promoted through the Salon des Arts Ménagers, an annual trade show in Paris, similar in spirit to the world's

fairs, showcasing technical innovations for the home. The university's collection includes numerous posters advertising appliances for the "modern woman," But, according to Palermo, the underlying

With this in mind, Palermo worked with Daniel Olivetti, director of the Lore Degenstein Gallery, to open up the Olivetti was thrilled with the proposal, given his interest in partnering with faculty and students on exhibitions that merge art and scholarship, "It was the ultimate collaboration between faculty and students. How can you get any betan that," Clivetti s s.

students also developed the exhibition's organizing concept, chose the posters and color scheme, researched and wrote the exhibition panels in French and English, compiled a visitor's guide, and placed the posters. In short, they learned how to launch an art exhibition. And they presented oral remarks on opening night.

The project took students out of their comfort zones to teach them about exciting ways.

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exhibition from the unknown "Moving from learning what's on the page to leating on a project in which you creat home tomething you beyon't learned yor has hare risk, but at the same time, it's an index o's attisfying," Palermo says.

Processor of B oLogy Tammy Tobin do code my some out-of-the-box making methods in her class. The Spice of the Tisst as Palermo uses art and theatic in his French classes, Tobin weaves one of the most basic of needs into sci-

Lie goal of The Spice of Life is to instrouce students to the fundamental concepts and techniques of a variety of science disciplines through a somewhat unusual lens—the food they eat," Tobic save.

A self-proclaimed Food Network junkie, Tobin lists a variety of reasons for developing a science class based on food. First of all, food isn't scary. In fact, she says, "it's fun to play with your food:

Then there's the obvious relevance to students lives and the fact that all their physical senses are involved in the learning process. Food and cooking are natural interdisciplinary topics, too. [They] can be used to introduce historical, religious, political and ethical topics outle easily. They have

And finally, she says, "Following, evaluating and then it proving upon a ucipe te ches critical thinking, scientical thinking, scientical and even math."

Students in this course learn about the underlying science in the production and consumption of food products and apply that knowledge—and the scientific method—to design and improve recipes while cooking and eating the food. For example, students learn every step of the chocolist production cycle, from

the sicac tree to the table. They explore the physiology and biology of taste, and accuss the global impacts of checolete production, including free trade and sanic-growing practices. Next, they examine the science that underfles the ingredients in a typical brownie Trus. As the students cook the brownies they observe how the brownies change chemically and physically during each step of the process.

Ultimately, inderstanding the science of food requires that "students inwest; ice not only its basic biological and churcled components, but also the nurutional values of its ingredients and the ways in which food handling, processing and cooking impact those values," Tobin yes. In the end, she hopes the class will help students make informed and ethical decisions about the food they eat and the methods used to prepare those foods.

PROFESSOR OF ACCOUNTING Richard Davis spices up a class that, on the surface, may seem rather dry. Since 1995, students in his Legal Environment class have witnessed firsthand the consequences of unethical business decisions.

White-collar criminals from the federal prison camp at the U.S. Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa., visit campus to describe the transgressions that planged them into financial ruln and landed them behind bars. Their stocies serve as red lags for business majors who may semeday face the temptation of functional business practices, And because stories alone may not be smpelling enough, Davis also takes the students to the penitentiary to sist the immates.

"When students have a chance to actually set foot in a penitentiary, talk to white-collar criminals and see their ptis-n cells, it tends to stick with them, Davis says. "Students remember th is trip more than any other part of the course, and alumni repeatedly say is was a great experience."

Among the convicted white-collicities alumni may remember aperical period Dellorfano Jr. and Al Porro, who made regular appearances on campliform through the years, some even after the were released from prison.

Delloríano was introduced to the Susquehanna community in 1988 was serving a 110-month sentence for ballita fraud, racketeoring and conspirace of the Successful tax attorney in the Boston area. Delloríano fell from grace in the late 1980s and spent most of the following the decade in prison.

Deliorfano was released from pri an n 2001, but continued visiting Susquabana to tell his story to future bushesse leaders. In 2003, he even authored un article in The Opening Bell, a business and economics newelster published by the Sigmund Weis School of Business. In it, Deliorfano said hubris led to overconfidence and imprudence.

"I thought I could do no wrong," Dellorano wrote. "In reality, my pride gottin the way of good judgment."

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Porro, a successful attorney and business owner who allowed greed to turn
him into a Mob-affiliated scam artist,
conveyed similar messages to
students through the years.
In 1999, Porro and his wife,
lean, were convicted on 19
counts of fraud and tax evasion.
They served prison terms of
inve years and four years,
respectively. Like Dellorfano,
Porro visited Susquehanna
while locarcerated and then
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Food and cooking are natural interdisciplinary topics. "[They] can be used to introduce historical, religious, political and ethical topics quite easily."

"You can rationalize doing almost anything," he told a group of students in 2005. But people do so at their own peril, he said. Porro advised students to keep their egos in check, choose their business partners wisely and always heed their conscience.

consciousness. "Within the traditions of Buddhism, specifically Zen Buddhism, there is a distrust of the written word and direct communication in conveying its worldview," Mann says.

So in addition to learning the history and beliefs of various Buddhist sects,

of not only diving deep into the Buddhist religion, but into our own faiths as well by establishing a classroom setting that was both comfortable and intellectually stimulating," Karl says.

Students who participate in Mann's PLUS (Philippines: Learning, Understanding and Serving) program also obtain deep insight into their subject matter through experience. Students in this service-learning course study Filipino history, culture and language before taking a two-week trip to the country to work on construction projects in Lipa City and volunteer at a shelter for physically and sexually abused children in Manila.

"What they find, without exception, is that learning about the Philippines through books and lectures has not permitted them to understand and appreciate how life is lived in a nation so different than our own," Mann says. "It is one thing to read about people living on less than \$1 a day. It's quite another to sit in their homes, share a meal, play with their children and experience our

Jordan Musser '11, who participated in the program this year, says the cultural immersion provided students with a different perspective on the issues they discussed and contemplated before the trip. "We attained an understanding of the culture through direct contact and conversation with residents of the Philippines without the detachment of studying at a secluded university in central Pennsylvania," he says,

This is precisely why Mann developed the program. "Learning about people can take place at a distance," he says, "but understanding others requires us to be present with them."

A testament to this observation is an experience Frederick Rombouts '08 had at a shelter for street children, Rombouts, who went on the trip as a postgraduate last year and this year, met an 11-yearold girl named Rosalea at the shelter during his first trip. After teaching her a few guitar chords to keep her occupied. one day, Rombouts says she hugged him and thanked him for being her friend.

"Textbook learning is quickly forgotten. I think we can all look back to our college days and remember the experiential things so much more clearly."

Davis says he developed the whitecollar-criminal program to help students internalize the ethical behavior he was teaching them in the classroom. He believes it's critical for faculty to weave experience-based teaching methodology into their classes. "Textbook learning is quickly forgotten," Davis says. "I think we can all look back to our college days and remember the experiential things so much more clearly."

--- Richard Davis, Professor of Accounting

A BUDDHISM CLASS taught by Associate Professor of Religion Jeffrey Mann takes experiential learning to new heights of

students spend time practicing zazen, or seated meditation. Meditation is practiced both in class and during a trip to a Zen monastery in nearby Pennsdale, Pa. By moving beyond an objective communication of facts about Buddhism and incorporating the experiential component of meditative practice, students' understanding of this religious tradition is deepened considerably," Mann says,

So, too, is their understanding of the religious traditions that shape their own lives, says Cameron Karl '10. "Giving every religion the respect it deserves, Dr. Mann provided us the opportunity

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impact on people. "An act of kindness or generosity, which seems small to us, might be the greatest example of friendship they've ever seen, especially coming from Americans whom they see as rich and venerable," Rombouts says.

THERE'S NO OUESTION that experiential learning opportunities and crosscultural experiences qualify as teaching methods that engage students. But sometimes sticking to the book can be just as

ing, is a rigorous workshop introducing students to various forms of book reviewing. In addition to reading book reviews and developing the skills needed to write reviews and critical essays. students produce publishable criticism and post entries to the Department of English and Creative Writing's new literary criticism blog, Red Inc.

Lindsey Guy '10 took the class because she thought it would be a fresh way of critically approaching books. "As literature majors, we all were used to working with standard literary criticism methods meant to be used in discussions with our peers and professors. But the Book Reviewing course had us consider writing for a different audience and taught us how we could communicate our thoughts about books to people outside academia," she says.

Another literary topic Roth tackles is an emerging force within academia, and students are learning about it in his survey course, The Comic Book and Graphic Novel, But if anyone signs up for the class thinking it will be a cakewalk, they should think again.

The class constitutes a serious examination of the textual dynamics of comics and their elevation in U.S. literary culture. "It was not an easy A like some students expected," says Gregory Cwik '12.

[Roth] had the class do most of the talking and debating so we learned to analyze comics on our own without being spoon-fed."

Students who take the class are even papers in comit form, allowing them

to combine their creativity and critical thinking skills, and to challenge them selves to translate ideas into verbal and visual media

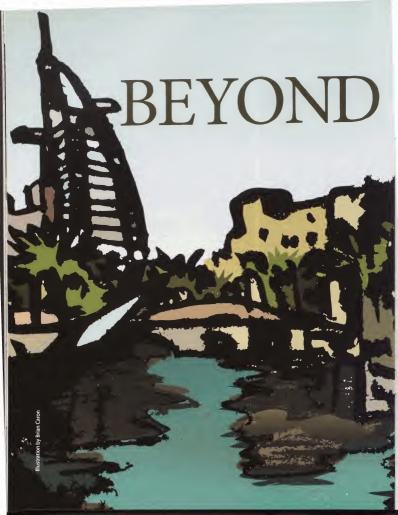
"The class offers students who love and collect comics the opportunity to discuss them as a serious literary and cultural pursuit," says Roth, adding that as consumers, students learn they are a major force in why graphic novels have migrated from the corner bookstore to the university classroom.

Numerous faculty members like Roth weave popular culture into their teaching methodology. For instance, Dave Ramsaran, associate professor of sociology and head of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, teaches a Core Perspectives class based on the hit TV drama Lost. The class is designed to introduce first-year students to college life. Another example is an entrepreneurship class taught by Associate Professor of Management Leann Mischel, who runs the course in a way similar to Donald Trump's reality show The Apprentice.

But why teach this way? Why go the extra mile to develop all these innovative teaching methods? For Roth, the answer is simple. He defines education as "what occurs in the gap between teaching as an art and teaching as a craft. Weaving popular cultural materials into my courses is a way of translating what inspires me into daily practice, and so I hope my students will see that and imitate it."

However, a professor's drive to enrich student learning is hardly a new concept, "What is innovative, perhaps, is simply the desire to remain receptive to the most unexpected sources of inspiration," Roth says. And at Susquehanna, faculty seem to have that notion down to a science. ~

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# BORDERS

SU Students Travel to the Middle East for International Education Conference by Ed Ruggero

WHEN MEGAN PETRIE 10 CHOSE TO WATE A paper on Islam for a class on religious fundamentalism, she used as sources course texts, her professor and scholarly works available on the Internet. She never anticipated that within a few short months she'd have the opportunity to travel to a Muslim country for a firsthand view of a modern Middle Eastern state. Petrie and 10 other faculty-recommended students participated in the 2009 Education Without Borders conference held in the United Arab Emirates' sheikhdom of Dubai at the end of March.

At first Petrie thought the offer of a free trip to Dubai seemed a little too good to be true. "Even after I was accepted, I kept expecting to get an e-mail saying, 'Your deposit for travel is due." Fortunately for the elementary education major from New Hope, Pa., Susquehanna provided financial support for what turned out to be a wonderful learning experience. "This was a pretty special opportunity," Petrie says. "I was honored to be asked."

Education Without Borders is a biennial conference hosted by the Higher Colleges of Technology of the United Arab Emirates. Its stated aim is to create networks across cultures and a forum-where students and leaders from business, Education, government and the humanitarian sector can share ideas on some of the world's most pressing problems. Susquehanna President L. Jay Lemons also saw the conference as a step toward the kind of cross-cultural experience that will become part of every student's undergraduate education starting with the Class of 2013.

"This is not a part of the world where SU students have had regular contact, but it's an area growing in importance for the global economy." Lemons says. "While this conference is not long enough to constitute the kind of experience the university has envisioned to fulfill the new requirement, it is a great opportunity for those attending and a chance for Susquehanna to test those educational theories that will be in play in other cross-cultural ventures."



Claire Polcrack '09 enjoys some sightseeing near the world renowned Burj Al Arab hotel.



SU students take in the sun during some down time at the Education Without Borders conference in balmy Oubal.

In Petrie's case the opportunity started with that paper she wrote, in which she focused on Pakistan and Afghanisan. Her professor heard about the conference and suggested the trip would give her a close-up look at a liberal and politically stable Muslim country. "That kind of travel, with the chance to experience foreign cultures and learn about different ways of looking at things, is especially important for a teacher," Petrie says. "I'll have a broader perspective, which will make me better at tmy job."

THE TRUE STARTED with a long bus ride from Susquehanna to JFK airport in New York City, followed by an epic 13-hour plane trip to the United Arab Emirates. The ultra-modern city of Dubai sits on the shore of the Arabian Peninsula where the Persian Gulf Inarrows toward the Strait of Hormuz. Dubai is a planned city being built mostly from scratch, with striking man-made islands and peninsulas fanned out like giant palms, and the Burj Dubai, currently the world's tallest building at 800 meters. (In comparison, the antenna on Chicago's Willis Tower (formerly Seas Tower) reaches a tal higher than 500 meters.)

Brooks Olphin '10, a business administration major from New Freedom, Pa., found everything about the conference welcoming, from the plush suites with their sky-high views of the coast to the gigantic meeting rooms where the hundreds of delegates gathered to hear keynote and plenary speakers such as A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, former president of India; Sir John Rose, CEO of Rolls-Royce; Jennifer Azzl, a U.S. Olympic gold medalist in women's basketball; and Anousheh Ansari, an Iranian-American engineer and the first Muslim woman in space.

Brittany Bunting '09, an education and French major from Northumberland, Pa., was especially inspired by Andrew Muir, executive director of the Wilderness Foundation of South Africa. Muir spoke about his team's work with African children displaced by long wars and the HIV/AIDS epidemics. Bunting, who sometimes wonders how she'll connect with students who seem unreachable, says Muir presented her with a straightforward guideline. We must provide opportunities to succeed and time to heal.

It was clear to me that his intentions were solely for the betterment of the orphans with whom he worked and that he was genuinely and wholeheartedly invested in their development." Bunting says.

But by far the most inspiring part of the conference for Bunting was seeing what students her age are doing to improve the world around them. In particular, she was intrigued with a presentation by students from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania who founded an online philan-thropic community called Givology. By developing a Web site based on the social networking framework, they've created a convenient outlet for people to become involved in microfinance efforts to help students around the world. Bunting says. She came away from the conference with a simple, powerful truth—great opportunities exist in simple ideas—that she plans too nut to work by ioning Givolova sa volunteer.

In addition to the invited speakers, the participants heard student presentations on sustainability, energy policy and the future of education. Claire Polcrack '09, a mathematics and secondary education major from Shunk, Pa., was drawn to one student's discussion of education in Nicaragua, a country where a generation of children has suffered the effects of a long war and the accompanying economic turmoil. Polcrack, who will go from SU to a Teach for America job in Connecticut after graduation, believes she'll see some of the same effects in the economically challenged school district where she'll spend the next few years.

The conference's intellectual engagement didn't begin and end with student presentations or distinguished speakers. SU students made an evening visit to Duba!'s famous Gold Souk, a traditional open-air market with hundreds of jewelry shops and thousands of European tourists. The nearby Spice Souk was a little more earthy, with open bins of spices and herbs used in local cusines, stacks of colorful plates, pots and pans, and traditional Arab dress hanging next to T-shirts emblaranced with the loops of Duba!'s huxpry hotels.



Pictured are, left to right, Brooks Olphin '10, Andrew Steele '11, Laura Gausmann '09, Megan Petrie '10 and Andrew Jarzyk '09, members of the Susquehanna delegation that traveled to Dubai in March



His Highness Sheikh Nahayan Mabarak Al Nahayan, the United Arab Emrates minister of higher education and scientific research and chancellor of the Higher Colleges of Technology, addresses the audience at the Education Without Borders conference.

Petrie enjoyed the utterly foreign feel of the souks, with their tiny aisles and noisy shopkeepers trying to engage customers by calling out guesses as to their nationalities. While they were in the souk, the students also heard the traditional call to prayer from the surrounding mosques and minarets. "We were leaving the market after sunset," Petrie says, "and suddenly we could hear all these calls, all these different tones" from the mosques and minarets in the area.

EACH OF THE STUDENTS had a "We're not in Kansas anymore" moment like this, and those memories still resonate at home in Pennsylvania.

"Sometimes we have these exaggerated stereotypes Jabout the Middle East) here in the U.S." says Seth Marshall "09, an accounting major from Barto, Pa." For instance, I used to think that the very conservative dress in Muslim countries, especially for women, was mandated. Hearned that many people dress that was because it's an individual or family choice."

For Marshall, some of the most memorable exchanges took place a mong the student delegates in between the larger meetings. "The students were all pretty much in the same position," he says. "We went there to meet people and have new experiences. That made it easy to just walk up to someone from another country and strike up a conversation."

Like many of the students, Marshall also brought back some things that will, he believes, have a larger impact on his life. "The former president of India asked a seemingly straightforward question that's actually pretty powerful," Marshall says. "He asked us what we want to be remembered for."

The experience will also have a long-lasting effect on Laura Gausmann '09, of York, Pa. Gausmann was encouraged to see that students all over the world are wrestling with and applying their falents to the same issues—education, sustain ability, the environment—that she has studied as a political science major.

"I was encouraged because, after being there. I know that SU students are absolutely capable of presenting and making a difference." Gausmann says. "We just got involved too late this year to submit papers, but it's definitely something the university should pursue in the future."

Gausmann says that the sheer scale of everything at the conference left a big impression. "I expected, I guess, something very conservative," she says of Dubai. "But until you see it you can't imagine how big it is, and how modern. Somebody called it the Lax Yeaso of the Middle Fast."

The trip did more than impress Gausmann: it helped her made decision about the future. "Eventually I want to get an M.B.A." she says, "and I had been thinking about working in corporate and social responsibility, helping companies fulfill their responsibilities to society. The conference helped me decide that's what I want to do."

Lemons came back from the long trip jet-lagged but excited about the prospects for future students, not just at the next Education Without Borders Conference, but in the university's growing cross-cultural program.

"The travel, the experience of a different culture, the chance to shatter stereotypes and challenge assumptions—these are all pieces of the undergraduate education we want to provide students at Susauehanna." —

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## The 'Grove

**Q&A**Lisa Scott
Chief Diversity Officer



President L. Jay Lemons committed to hiring a caley diversity officer this year to advise him on policy issues related to diversity and inclusion at Susquehanna University, a decision widely supported by the campus community. Lisa Scott began serving as special assistant to the president for equity and inclusion and chief diversity officer on July 1. Barlier this year, Susquehanna Currents interviewed her as she was completing her tenure as director of institutional equity and diversity at Denison University in Cravallie. Chio

**SC:** What matters will be of primary concern to you as chief diversity officer?

LS: My "first 100 days" will be focused on assessing the diversity work at Susquehanna University to date. I am interested in looking across the university and understanding the deptl and breadth of diversity initiatives. In other words, how broad, how deep and how impactful have the outcomes of these initiatives been?

SC: How can students, faculty and staff at Susquehanna work toward creating a more welcoming and diverse campus, both short term and long term?

LS:I like to talk about "community" Writer and social activist bell hooks once stated. "Community is made; it doesn't happen automatically." Efforts to create a welcoming community for all who work, learn and live at Susquehanna University, as well as the surrounding community, require both individual and collective will. They require persistent consciousness of the lived experiences of others—in particular, those not like oneself.

SC: In your opinion, what does the appointment of a chief diversity officer at the presidential cabinet level say about SU's commitment to becoming a more diverse and welcoming place?

LS: It says that we have taken the next step. It reflects the intent to move diversity and related issues from the margins to the center.

SC: What is most important for SU community members to be aware of as we take this next step toward a fuller, more diverse and welcoming campus?

LS: Every campus is a unique community. No two are the same. Diversity work is conducted in the conteat of the local and broader environment that it is situated in. It will also be good for us to be reminded that diversity is in herent to academic excellence. It is not marginal, but integral. Effective diversity work must be sustained for significant periods of time. It requires patience and commitment. It requires letting go of preconceived ideas and opinions. Diversity work requires all of us to first look inward, not outward, for the answers. Tolerance is not the goal of diversity. Lastly, a truly multicultural community is not the responsibility of one person or department. Rather, it is the responsibility of one person or department. Rather, it is the responsibility of all of us who live, learn and work together.

### **SYLLABUS**

In Step at Susquehanna

Dance. It's an art form, a sport, an escape—and it's growing at Susquehanna, both as an academic program and as an extracurricular activity. For the past few years, students have pursued dance as a minor in the theatre department.

The minor requires 16 semester hours of coursework, including Foundations of Dance, three levels of modern dance and electives chosen from courses such as Contemporary Ballroom Dance, taught by Joan Moyer Clark, founder of the Moyer Institute of Dancing in Sunbury, Pa. The class has been a favorite among students since its addition to the course catalog in 2007. In addition to taking classes in dance, students can also participate in the growing number of extracurricular dance opportunities on campus, including SU Dance Corps, SU Swings and SU Belly Dance Circle.

"I think the benefit of taking a dance class is that it can remove you from the everyday stress of life—both social and academic," says Anne Doctor, who teaches Modern Dance I and Modern Dance II. "Dance offers a wonderful emotional release."



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abs and groups at SU are largely composed, fifer opportunities for exercise and personal ners and experienced dancers who want to college. And for those who want to pursue d study, the dance minor is a rich addition rates offered at Susquestance.



novement during a modern dance class.

## FORWARD THINKING

Food for Thought

In an American food culture dominated by such figures as Rachael Ray and Gordon Ramsey, and cultivated by the popularity of culinary reality TV, it was only a matter of time before a student decided to research the phenomenon for Sanior Scholars Day, a Susquehanna tradition dating back more than 30 years. That student was Madeline Shorse '09 who, on April 21, presented her senior research project, "Literary Culture Takes a Seat at the Dinner Table."

Degenstein Campus Center and the Cunningham Center for Music and Art were abuzz with activity as students presented their research and senior projects on subjects as divere as biology and music, chemistry and literature. The all-day affair included oral presentations in the campus center, student music recitals in Stretansky Concert Hall, and displays of student graphic design work in the Cunningham Center for Music and Art

Senior Scholars Day offers seniors the opportunity to showcase their scholarly and creative projects. It also is an opportunity for faculty research advisers to applaud student work and take pride in the academic guidance they have given the students during their time at SU.

The experience of presenting work at Senior Scholars Day is unique among most students' scholarly endeword at SU. "This project allowed me to explore my own interests and write about them creatively and academically in a way! would not have been able to in a classroom setting," says Shores. "Presenting my work at Senior Scholars Day gave me confidence to discuss my atypical research and helped me develop my critical opinions."

Shores' research, though distinct from many of the other projects on display at Senior Scholars Day, was highly relevant. Supervised by Laurence Roth, professor of English and coordinator of the Jewish Studies program, Shores studied the influence of literary culture on the recent explosive popularity of the culturary arts in U.S. culture. "My research, unlike many of the other posters! I presented alongside at Senior Scholars Day, was a consideration of a particular literary culture and its social significance, rather than a sclentific experiment; she says. "By examining trends in literary food writing over the past 10 years, and in the context of its historical development, I determined that literary culture is a major contributor and driving force behind the contemporary popularity of the culturary arts."

Shores' research was one of about 100 projects presented at Senior Scholars Day, testifying to Susquehanna's commitment to academic excellence and student-faculty collaboration. The event is a celebration of this commitment not only for seniors and faculty advisers, but for the campus community as a whole.

# The 'Grove

## **KUDOS**

# Design Students Dominate Student ADDY Competition

Susquehanna graphic design students took home 18 of 21 possible awards in March from the Greater Prederick Advertising Federation's Student ADDY competition. Student award winners were seniors Tracy Brauner, Rebecca Brelsford, Jessica Oswald, Joe Pilcavage, Kyle Nalls, Robert Prall, Anne Toal and Meredith Tompeck.

"While Susquehanna is a liberal arts college and the art department is relatively small. Susquehanna can hold its own in any design competition," Brauner says.

The ADDY awards are the largest competition in advertising, and the student ADDYs mirror the three-tiered structure of the professional competition at the local, state and national levels. Student work is judged by professionals in the field, and the competition gives design students opportunities to build their resumes and portfolios, and to benefit from exposure to professional critique and judging.

ADDY awards, expressed the significance of having work noticed by professionals in this setting: "The biggest value in says Mark Fertig, associate professor of graphic design and head of the Department of Art, encourages all design students to enter the competition and offers insight into which pieces might be most successful.

university commitment to research and scholarship as learning.

Presenting is an invaluable experience for undergraduates, Richard says, exposing them to other research and putting them outside of their comfort zones. Traditionally, Susquehanna's sciences have been heavily represented at the conference, but Richard expresses a desire for broader representation in the future. He encourages students from other disciplines, such as philosophy, music and creative writing, to apply and hopes faculty will explore the opportunity with their students. Abstract submissions for the 2010 conference at the University of Montana open in October.

## Faculty Honored for Excellence In Teaching and Service

Geneive Henry and W. Douglas Powers were honored at Susquehanna's 151st Commencement for exemplary service to the institution.





Henry, associate professor of chemistry, was awarded the John C. Horn Lectureship for outstanding scholarship and conscientious service to the university. The award is named for a former longtime member and chairman of Susquehanna's board of trustees. As this year's recipient, Henry will deliver a public lecture during the 2009-10 academic year.

Henry earned her bachelor's and doctorate degrees at the University of the West Indies and did postdoctoral work at Harvard University and Michigan State University. She joined the Susquehanna University faculty in 2003. An organic chemist, she focuses her research on organic synthesis and natural product chemistry from rare and endemic plants of Pennsylvania and Caribbean regions.



"Her nominators praise her as an exceptional example to the community of what it means to be both a scholar-teacher and a member of a larger academic community," says Linda McMillin, provost and dean of faculty.

Powers, associate professor and head of the Department of Theatre, was honored with the Susquehanna University Teaching Award. Powers earned master's degrees from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and Ohio University and a doctorate from the University of Missouri-Columbia, He joined the Susquehanna faculty in 2000. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he directs three major stage productions each year A professional actor and director. Powers is a member of the Actors' Equity Association.

"Students in his classes are successful on the stage, in their courses and in their postbaccalaureate experiences as actors and directors-all restaments to the excellence of his teaching."

## University Communications Wins Awards In International CASE Competition

University Communications has earned two awards in the C.ASE Circle of Excellence international competition. The the five awards Susquehanna earned earlier this year in the CASE District II regional competition.

The office received a silver award in the Visual Identity Systems category, in recognition of a newly designed viewbook, alumni magazine, departmental majors cards, letterhead and business cards, SU 150 appeal brochure, and an athletics and recreation brochure.

CASE gave the office a bronze award in the Excellence in Design: Single-Page Publications category, the only award given in this category. The winning entry was for a Supporting the Sciences brochure designed by Creative Services Manager Nick Stephenson '99 and graphic designer Steven Semanchik '08.

## Susquehanna Grad Earns NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship

Susquehanna University's Toel Patch '09 was selected as one of seven men's basketball players from all three NCAA divisions for a 2009 NCAA postgraduate scholarship.

Patch is attending Widener University's School of Law in Harrisburg, Pa., and applying the \$7,500 award toward a law degree with an emphasis on environmental law. Patch maintained a 3.69 grade point average as an earth and environmental sciences major at Susquehanna.



Men's basketball standout Joel Patch '09 presents his research during Senior Scholars Day, an annual event highlighting the research projects and scholarly works of Susquehanna's seniors.

He was one of 10 men's finalists for the 2009 Jostens Trophy, awarded to the Division III Player of the Year. He led the Landmark Conference this past season and tied for 14th in Division III in rebounding, with 11.2 rebounds per game. He also finished second in the Landmark in scoring (17.5 points per game) and fourth in blocked shots (27). Patch finished the 2008-09 campaign with 16 double-doubles, including four straight to end the season. He moved into the top 25 in Susquehanna men's basketball history in career points (1,067). He was also a first-team all-Landmark player and the conference's Player of the Year. He earned second-team D3hoops.com all-Middle Atlantic Region honors on March 18 and first-team National Association of Basketball Coaches all-Middle Atlantic

NCAA postgraduate scholarships are awarded annually to student-athletes who excel academically and athletically and who are in their final year of intercollegiate athletics competition.

# **Score**board

### 2009 ALL-AMERICA FOOTBALL WATCH

Running back Dave Paveletz '10, punter/place-kicker Bobby Eppleman '11 and offensive lineman Drew Champney '10 will all return for Susquehanna football in the fall with great expectations and the opportunity to join a long list of SU football All-Americans.

Eppleman has joined that list already. In 2008, he and safety John Lunardi '09 earned second-team All-America honors from D3football.com, but Paveletz and Champney are still waiting for their run.

The numbers are impressive for Paveletz, who, with his bullish, 5-foot-9, 225-pound firme, has gained a school-record 3,317 rushing yards in his career, including 1,314 and 1,173 yards in 2008 and 2007, respectively, each of which led the Liberty League. Those 1,314 yards ranked 14th in NCAA Division III last year, and his 108 points (on 18 touchdowns) tied for 20th in Division III. The latter two numbers both led the Liberty in 2008 as well, just as Paveletz also led the league in 2007 with 15 TD and 90 noints.

The 1.34 rushing yards rank second in school history for a single season behind the record set by Matt Wichlimski '00, who ran for just eight more yards in 1997. Of Paveletz's 18 TD last year, 17 came on rushes, an accomplishment that also ranks second to Wichlimski (18 in 1997) in school single-season history, Paveletz sits third in SU history in career rushing TD with 36. Wichlimski (18 in 16 or 37 from 1995 to 1998, and Jason Ekt. Ös ran for 45 from 2001 to 2004.

Paveletz has been a first team all-Liberty running back in each of the last two seasons, including being a unanimous selection last a carries and 288 yards ter on Oct. 11. He ran for four TD in that g single-aame record. He has done it twice.

"I want the school single-teason rushing record, too," says Paveletz. "I always set my goals high, and this year, I'd love to have about 1,500 rushing yards, 2,000 all-purpose yards and maybe five yards per carry. And even one fumble is too many. I have all of those goals written down on a hig piece of paper, but at the bottom of that paper, it reads. What would you give them all up for?" And the answer is a Libery League champlonship."

Eppleman also had a remarkable 2008. He averaged 42.74 year punt, good for third in Division III and better than 12 NFL punters last season. That average is both a career and single-season record at 5usquehanna. He also broke the school record with a 73-yard punt in a 10-3 win over Juniata College on Sept. 13.

Just 11 days after joining Lunardi on the D3football.com all-East Region first team, Epideman became the only non-junitor or senior to earn 2008 D3football.com All-America honors. Epideman was a first team all-Liberty punter and second-team place-kicker last season. He was an all-leadue honorable mention place-kicker in 2007.

-American,

inside the 20-yard line, my average [per punt] may go down, but I

would be helping the team win. I want to help the team win more than anything else."

Champney was a third-team all-region choice at offensive tackle in 2008. The 6-foot-3, 280-pounder also was a unanimous all-Liberty first-team offensive lineman last year and a second-team offensive lineman in 2007. He started all 10 games for Susquehanna in 2008 and protected the blind side of right-handed starting quarterback and all-Liberty honorable mention Derek Pope '09, while also help-ins to a way for Paveletz.

"It would be a great honor to be selected as an All-American," says Champney. "But I don't really think about that. This year, I'm looking forward to working hard and building the most dominant offensive line in the Liberty.

"Being an All-American would be nice, but I would much rather win a league championship and make the [national] playoffs."

And with these three returning, it's certainly possible.

Susquehanna University has partnered with PrestoSports to improve the presentation of its athletics department on the Web.

The site, www.GOSusqU.com, also can be accessed through the department's former Web address, www.susqu.edu/athletics.

GOSusqU.com features lengthy archives of SU athletics; person-

athlete;



The 2008-09 school year



including two first-teamers. The women also earned 10 spots on the Landmark spring academic honor roll last season, including

mas case for decrysourg College from 1992 to 1992, ealining inst-team Centennial Conference honors as a senior. She also started a goalkeeper for the Gettysburg women's soccer team and still hold school records for career wins (44), shutouts (26), save percentage (842), saves (420) and saves per game (6.46). "I think my background as a student-athlete really drives me

nave gotten me to where I am today."

Kroupa served at shed softball crach at Resement College during the 1997 and 1998 seasons before becoming head coach at Franklin & Marshall College in the fall of 1998. She improved Rosemont's 1-20-0 record in 1997 to 22-33-0 record he very next years. She has been the head women's soccer coach at 5U since 2006 and the head softball crach, short a 7003. Alexandria.

# **Score**board

### LUNARDI EARNS ALL-AMERICA IN TWO SPORTS



Susquehanna University's pitcher/outfielder John Lunardi'09 earned a spot on the 2009 D3baseball.com All-America team on May 20.

That was the second All-America honor for Lunardi during the 2008-09 academic year. He landed on the D3football.com All-America second team as a safety this past fall before earning this third-team honor as a utility player in baseball.

Lunardi, the 2009 Landmark Conference Player and Pitcher of the Year, earned first-team all-Landmark honors the past two seasons as both a starting pitcher and an outfielder

He pitched the 14th perfect game in NCAA Division III history this past season and then hit two home runs the next day to earn national recognition from USA Today and Sports Illustrated. He is currently ranked seventh in Division III in lowest earned run average (1.60). As a tri-captain of the 2009 Landmark regular-season champions, he led the conference in lowest ERA and lowest opposing batting average (.193). He also tied for most wins (seven) and least

walks allowed (nine) and tied for second in batters struck out (51). He broke the Susquehanna career record this season in runs scored (127) while also leading the team with a .415 batting average, a .517 on-base percentage, a .695 slugging percentage and eight home runs. His 42 runs in 2009 tied for the team lead.

Lunardi had an outstanding defensive season as well, committing just one error in 121 fielding chances and helping to turn four double plays.

During the 2008 football season, he led the Liberty League and ranked second in Division III in passes defended per game (2.10). He also intercepted five passes for 72 return yards and made 61 tackles (34 solo), including one for a loss, to make the all-Liberty first team as a defensive back.



Left: John Lunardi '09 runs the ball down the field. Above: Lunardi poised to release a pitch as he worked toward the 14th perfect game in NCAA Division III history this past season.





Mitch Mercer'10

### SUSOUEHANNA UNIVERSITY REPRESENTED AT 2009 NOAA CONFERENCE

Women's basketball player Samantha Jansson '10 and men's golfer Mitch Mercer '10 represented Susquehanna University at the 2009 NCAA National Student-Athlete Development Conference May 24-27 at the Walt Disney World Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando, Fla. The conference provided attending student-athletes with a forum to openly discuss issues that may affect them on their campuses and in their communities, while also providing them with the opportunity to enhance their leadership, communication, decision-making and problem-solving skills. It also promoted better communication among studentathletes, coaches, administrators, faculty and university stakeholders.

"The conference] taught me so much about myself and how people see me as a leader. If I'm proactive in bringing all that I've learned back to Susquehanna, our campus will be that much stronger as a community," says Jansson.

Mercer says the conference was a great way to meet other student-athletes, "I was amazed how much I learned about other schools, students and even myself,"

The contributing writer to Scoreboard is Robert Edward Healy III, director of athletics communications.

# People Places

## **Travel Writing in South Africa**

For one professor, it will be a homecoming. For participating students, it will be a world away from home. Either way, Travel Writing in South Africa promises to be a cultural adventure. Led by South African native Glen Retief, assistant professor of English and creative writing, and Jenna Fredericks '06, coordinator of residence life for student conduct, this 2 1/2—week study excursion on one of the world's most diverse and fascinating continents is designed to expose students to cultural similarities and differences, while teaching them the craft of international travel writing. In the process, students will gain a better understanding of their own culture.

"In addition to posing the question, 'Who am I in relation to this culture and environment?', travel writing of any depth requires students to ask, 'How do I Fel about these similarities and differences, and why?' This question in itself requires students to demonstrate critical awareness of their own cultural values and identify,'s says Retire."

The trip will be offered for the first time over winter breal of the 2010-11 school year. The following semester, students will take a travel writing workshop in which they will read examples of international travel writing and compose their own 3,000-to 6,000-word travel essays. Their preparation for writing will come from the extensive field research they do while in country.

The trip will expose students to various South African cultures, including Xhosa, Afrikaner, coloured (mixed race) and Muslim cultures. In Cape Town, students will visit several sites that provide an overview of South African history and society. These sites include the District Six partheid museum, a slave lodge and Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned. They will go on a "township tour!" to experience firsthand urban black South African culture and visit a mosque affiliated with Cape Town's large Muslim community. A tour of the castle where Dutch colonists first settled Africa and a trip to Addo Elephant National Park to see lions, leopards, elephants, rhinos, buffaloes and other animals in their natural habitat will also be on their itinerary.

The centerpiece of the cross-cultural experience will be their 10-day stay in Mdumbi, a backpackers' hostel in a 'traditional Xhosa village overlooking the Indian Ocean near Mandela's birthplace. The hostel will provide students with the opportunity to learn local farming and fishing techniques, examine Xhosa judicial and political structures, and even consult a divine:



Glen Retief and Jenna Fredericks '06 at the mouth of Storms River in Tsitsikamma National Park, South Africa

For about 30 minutes each day, students and program leaders will write in travel journals in an effort to record and reflect on what they have seen, heard and experienced. Their first journal entry will reflect on a series of quotes that define culture from anthropological, sociological and literary points of view. In short, students will examine what culture means to them.

Fredericks, who accompanied Retief on an exploratory trip to South Africa last winter to investigate the feasibility of the program, says: "As an alumna and writing major, I can appreciate firsthand how this unique opportunity will forever change the lives and perspectives of our students. Hearing about Glein's experiences from recent South African history, seeing the diversity of the country's landscape, its people and its culture provided me with valuable tools for self-reflection and my writing."

In the end, the goal is to provide students with opportunities for personal growth and teach them responsibility toward the wider community, something Retief says is critical to creative nonfiction as a genre. "Black South African cultures—encountered in the township tour and the Xhosa village—all emphasize the concept of ubuntu, that we are most human only in our relationships with other people," says Retief. "It is no exaggeration to say that students will not be able to reflect on their cross-cultural experience without reflecting also on what it means to actively participate in human society itself."

Travel Writing in South Africa is one of several short-term study programs that will fulfill the cross-cultural requirement of the new Central Curriculum, which takes effect for incoming students this fall. Called GO (Global Opportunities), this distinctive cross-cultural requirement is designed to take students out of their everyday experiences and expose them to cultures different from their own.



Julie and Clavre Waltman at Commencement

## Like Mother, Like Daughter

Commencement is a monumental moment for all parents as they watch their children cross the stage to accept their degrees. Perhaps the only thing that can top this experience is crossing that same stage with your son or daughter. In May, Julie Waltman did inset that when the graduated with the daughter, Clavre.

Julie, senior administrative assistant to the provost, received an associate's degree and Clayre received a bachelor's degree before more than 4,500 graduating seniors, parents and guests attending Susquehanna's 151st Commencement ceremony. They were among 426 students who received bachelor and associate degrees on May 10.

"When Mom announced that she was graduating with me, I burst with excitement. I was thrilled and every other variation of that word," Clayre says, "She's worked so hard to reach this goal, and I couldn't have been more proud to walk the same stage at Commencement."

It was an experience that may not have occurred had Julie not encouraged Clayre to enter college, despite her daughter's uncertainty about a major. "My senior year of high school, I was still very unsure whether or not I even wanted to go [to college]," Clayre says. "I wavered constantly on the idea, and Mom was a huge proponent in pushing me in the right clirection."

Julie finally convinced Clayre that her best access to the larger world was through higher education. It was a lesson Julie learned later in life, but she wouldn't have had it any other way. "I can't say that I would do anything differently if I had to do it over again," Julie says. "Being an alumna in this class, at my age, makes me sort of a minority, But on the other hand, I have a great number of adopted SU students who know they have a place to stay when they return to Susquehanan for future even test."

The close ties she developed with Clayre's classmates made Commencement a bittersweet moment for Julie. While she and Clayre enjoyed several experiences together as students—from attending Shakespeare-a-thons to taking a study trip to Italy—the best times for Julie were the study breaks she held for Clayre and her classmates before finals. "It was a great time to watch them change and grow from first-year students to seniors and to have new members join the group each year. I will miss that this fall," she says.

Julie's melancholy is sure to pass as she begins her next life adventure—pursuing a bachelor's degree at Susquechanna while continuing to encourage her daughter's further education and, more likely than not, taking more SU students under her wing.

## Trading Places: Student and President Switch Places in the Name of Charity

Kristin Catena '09 and President L. Jay Lemons took a walk in each other's shoes in April, though in this case a quick jog with the occasional sprint might more aptly describe the pace that marked their busy schedules. Participating in the Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) honor society's fundraiser 'aly for the Day' Catena adopted Lemons' schedule and shadowed him as he pursued presidential duties, while the university president spent the day living the life of a student.

Brittany Bunting '09 conceived "Jay for the Day," and ODK brought the idea to Lemons, emphasizing the event's appeal as an opportunity for him to immerse himself in the campus community.

"I was delighted by their initiative and their desire to raise the visibility of ODK," says Lemons. "Supporting these outstanding student leaders and the efforts of ODK to raise its visibility and to help a worthy cause were the primary benefits from my perspective." ODK members then sold dollar chances for students to effectively switch lives with Lemons for the day. Caten awas the lucky winner of the drawing. The fund-raiser netted \$400, half of which went to LifeTies Inc., the charity Catena, as witness. CitiETies is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting young people suffering from abuse, neglect, homelessness, disease and other strugeles.

For Catena, being "Jay for the Day" wasn't just about the ephemeral joys of sitting in on presidential meetings and watching Lemons crank out Mary Had a Little Lamb on her harp during her music lesson. The experience was one that also offered insight. She had the privilege of shadowing the president during his Chamber of Commerce meeting, watching the organization of his schedule for the following school year, and sharing lunch with senior staff members while Lemons attended her anthropology class. "My favorite parts of the day were actually those that I spent with Jay," says Catena. "Il got a chance to understand not only his job, but him as a gerson."

The president identified watching SU faculty at work as his favorite part of the day. "Without a doubt, it was the joy of being back in the classroom, watching and learning as faculty members skillfully worked with our students. At heart, I am a teacher and a learner, and being in a classroom is always a special privilege and pleasure," asys Lemons. "The day was a terrific reaffirmation for me of Susquehanna's academic excellence and of the extraordinary opportunities that are provided to our students."

"Jay for the Day" was such a success, ODK is considering making it an annual fund-raiser.



Students help place the final solar panel on the solar photovoltaic system constructed behind the Art Studio this summer.

## Let the Sun Shine

Susquehanna furthered its sustainability efforts this summer with the installation of two 11×11-foot solar arrays, funded by a generous donation from Trustee Sandy Rocks '75.

Inspiration for the solar photovoltaic (PV) system came from a solar energy conference attended last summer by Derek Straub, associate professor of earth and environmental sciences, and three earth and environmental sciences majors, Dustin Koons '11, Michelle Siegel '10 and Andrew Cole '10.

"The first step in any movement is to educate people. These new arrays will do that for the students and for the community," Cole says.

Located behind the Art Studio, each array consists of eight 200watt solar panels mounted on 10-foot poles, Straub says. One of the arrays is fixed, facing due south at all times. The other includes a tracking mechanism that allows it to follow the sun across the sky from dawn until dusk.

The system produces about 3,900 kilowatt-hours of electricity per year, equaling about one-quarter to one-third of the electricity used by a typical home. "Although the amount of electricity generated is small in comparison to SU's total annual consumption, our primary motivation for installing the arrays on campus is educational," says Straub.

"The point of the arrays," Siegel adds, "is to show how they work and to energize interest in this alternative energy choice."

Straub says the solar arrays can be used in class and lab settings to give students hands-on experience with PV technology. They also can be used as a case study on a renewable energy project, "We will be incorporating monitoring equipment into our system and making the data available on the Internet and on displays in the new science building," Straub says. "This will give students the opportunity to assess the performance of the arrays and to evaluate the benefits of the system in relation to its costs."

In addition, educational tours and workshops will be offered to the community. These tours will range from basic introductions to solar

energy for school groups to technical workshops for homeowners interested in installing their own systems. "Hopefully the arrays will inspire people to ask themselves what they can do to be more green," Koons says.

The solar arrays build on other sustainability efforts undertaken recently by the university, including construction of a LEEDcertified science building and student housing, the use of geothermal heating, completion of an environmental audit of campus, a strong recycling program and student-led initiatives to reduce campus power consumption.



Pictured are, front to back, left side: Eric Sweeney '11, Jesse Ramsey '09 and Adam Krushinskie '11; right side: Cassidee Collier '09 and state Sen, John Gordner

## **Student Lobbyists for a Day**

On March 24, President L. Jay Lemons led a group of four students to the Pennsylvania state capitol building in Harrisburg for Student Lobby Day. The group visited several legislators representing the district in which Susquehanna University resides and surrounding districts. They encouraged support for Gov. Ed Rendell's plan to add \$45 million to the PHEAA grant program but voiced concern about the additional tuition relief applying only to students attending state-owned universities and community colleges.

Contributing writers to the People & Places section are Victoria Kidd and Billie Tadros '10.

# Campaign News

## Changing Lives, Building Futures reaches \$61.7 million

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Total as of June 30

Changing Lives, Building Futures seeks to raise \$70 million by 2010 in new resources to support endowment and program goals, construction of a new science facility and financial aid for students.

## SU Welcomes New Member to Its Philanthropic Society



Pictured are, left to right, Stabler Foundation Trustee Sherill Moyer, Deb Strausbaugh '09, President L. Jay Lemons, Laura Lengel '09 Ramsey, Erich Dress' 11 and Cyril Dummire Jr., chalrman of the Stabler Foundation's board of The Donald R. and Dorothy L. Stabler Foundation will join the Susquelmans Society this fill, marking a major milestone in a relationship that has spanned two decades with Susquelmansa University. The foundation, established by Donald and Dorothy Stabler in 1966, make grants to many nonprofit organizations, with a focus on educational institutions throughout eastern and certain Pennsylvania.

The Stablers' relationship with Susquehanna began more han 20 years ago. Herb Lauver '58, then a Harrisburg accountant and civic leader, was a close friend, adviser and business succisator (Donald Stabler. He also served on the company and Soundation boards of directors, Lauver introduced the Stablers to Suquehanna and through this connection, then-President Joel Cunningham and bis wife, Trudy, developed a friendship with the Shallers.

"Don and Dorothy were lovely people, gracious people, who were interested in Susquehanna and always wonderfully hospitable," says Cunningham. "Their affection for and leadership to Susquehanna grew over time, and students, faculty and

staff benefited for many years and will into the future through their generosity.

During the 1995 Commencement, Saupethanna guarated the Subbers bonomy doctorate degrees in humane letters in gratitude for their friendship to the university. Several projects have benefited from the generosity of the Stabler Foundation, starting with the first gift in 1999, which helped removate and expand Fisher Science Hall. More recently, the foundation made a contribution toward construction of

The Stablers have had a significant impact on Susquehanna students through the establishment in 1997 of the Donald B, and Dorothy L. Stabler Endowed Scholarship, which provides assistance to students demonstrating financial need. Helping students achieve their higher education goals is an especially important legacy of the Stablers and one Donald Stabler believed in deeply, having been a scholarship recipient himself while attending Lethigh University. The Foundation has continued making gifts to the scholarship with the expectation that students will give back to the fund once they have graduated and are able. In this way, the Stablers help ensure a spirit of giving along with an awareness of the responsibility that scholarship recipients carry. Since the scholarship's inception in 1997, inne students have benefited from these gifts. Two students—Deborah Strausbaugh '09-and Leura Lengel' '09-completed their Susquehanna education in May

"The Subler Foundation Scholarship meant a lot to me during my time at Susquehanna because it opened so many doors for me," says Lengel, who served as deacon of worship while completing degree un religion and mausic. Now that I've graduated, I can look back and see just how involved I was the past four years. While I did hold several jobs on campus, scholarships allowed me the freedom to also get involved in extracurricular activities, which made my Susquehanna experience complete."

Strausbaugh also was active in numerous campus organizations while pursuing a degree in acounting with minors in information systems and music.

"Without the scholarship money received from the Stabler Foundation, I would not have achieved and experienced as much during my four years at Susquehanna," she says. "Now, as a graduate, I can worry less about paying back loans, and I can concentrate more on career goals."

In the fall, the Stabler Foundation will be recognized for the many contributions it has made & Susquehann and its students when it takes its place in the Douglas R. Arthur Plaza. The elegant foundain outside of Degenstein Campus Center bonors the philanthropic support of special alumni and ritends whose lifetime giving of more than \$1 million has had a deep impact on the university. The paver and the olaza will ownvide a lastine ritubute to Suscuehands entitude toward the Stablers.

"We are proud to perpetuate the Stabler legacy, especially through the lives of students who, as Stabl icholars, have had life-changing experiences here," says university President L. Jay Lemons. "We are rateful for the many ways these gifts have strengthened the university community."

## Honoring the Torchbearers Of the Degenstein Legacy

In gratitude for years of extraordinary support and service to Susquehanna, the university conferred honorary doctorate degrees in public service upon Lore Degenstein and Sidney, Jeffrey and Michael Apfelbaum during the 2009 Commencement ceremony on May 10. The four have supported the university through the Degenstein Foundation, the legacy left by Susquehanna benefactor and Trustee Charles B. Degenstein that has become the largest private foundation in the Greater Susquehanna Valley and a major funding source for local organizations and roprams that improve the outlies of life of yelley residents.

Gifts from Charles Degenstein, who received an honorary degree from Susquehanna in 1982, and grants from the Degenstein Foundation have provided transformational financial support to the university. In addition to permanent endowment funds that enrich academic and extracutricular programs, the support has enabled the following significant campus building projects.

The Degenstein Center Theater and Lore Degenstein Gallery.

 Apfelbaum Hall, home of the Sigmund Weis School of Business and the Department of Communications.

The Cunningham Center for Music and Art, honoring former Susquehanna president Joel Cunningham, and its Stretansky Concert Hall, in recognition of retired Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities Cyril Stretansky.

Student residences, including Roberts House, Isaacs House, Shobert Hall and the units formerly known as Sassafras A, B and C, now named in honor of Harold "Half" and Nancy O'Connor, Terry '67 and Pauline March, and Samuel '54 and Dorothy Appar '53 Ross. Hal O'Connor (trustes) 1987–905, Bam Ross (alumin representative to the board, 1973–78; trustee, 1980–2003), and the late Terry March (alumni representative to the board, 1990–96; trustee, 1997–2008) each chaired the Susquehanna Board of Trustees.

"The capital gifts from the Degenstein Foundation have impacted every corner of our campus, and your endowment gifts have enriched the experience of every member of the Susquehanna family? President L. Jay Lemons said as he presented the four with their degrees. "Charles Degenstein delighted in seeing his gifts honor those closest to him, and ..., you've continued that tradition of honoring others."

Lore Degenstein continues to carry out her husband's legacy as a visible supporter of the gallery that bears her name as well as general arts programming at the university.

"You continue to grace our campus with your presence, your visibility, your thoughtfulness, your kindness, your generosity and your grace," said Lemons.

In addition to his many years as friend and adviser to Charles Degenstein, Sidney Apfelbaum has been an important supporter and friend of Susquehanna and the community. A graduate of Buchnell University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, he has served as a member of Susquehanna's Board of Trustees since 1985 and is founder of his Sunbury-based law firm. A granddaughter, grandson and daughter-in-law are Susquehanna alumnu—and so today, you are, too', L'emons noted at Commencement.

"You have given generously of your time and have been at the nexus of the friendships that have transformed and sustained our university," he added.

Brothers Jeffrey and Michael Apfelbaum share an alma mater in Dickinson School of Law, and both are part of their father's law practice and philanthropic endeavors. They have served Susquehanna as adjunct professors, advisory council members and champions for the university among their distinguished colleagues and friends. Jeffrey was instrumental in establishing the university's SU4U scholarship program, which provides financial aid for local students facing difficult economic and family circumstances. Michael helped to create the university's Arlin M. Adams Center for Law and Society, named in honor of one of the nation's most respected jurists.

"You have followed well in your father's footsteps, both in your professional pursuits and in your stewardship of the Degenstein Foundation," Lemons said in acknowledging the brothers' contributions.



President L. Jay Lemons with honorary degree recipients Jeffrey Apfelbaum, Sidney Apfelbaum, Lore Degenstein and Michael Apfelbaum during Susquehanna's 151st Commencement

## Campaign News



In the rooftop greenhouse, plants will be grown for teaching and research in biology and ecology.

Main corridors feature arches designed to give the hallways a fresh aesthetic.





## A SNEAK PEEK AT THE SCIENCE BUILDING'S CONSTRUCTION

Construction on the new green science building is on schedule for completion next year. Brickwork on the exterior of the building is progressing, with completion expected before the end of summer. Window installation will follow closely behind completion of the brickwork. The roof is fully applied, and insulation and drywall are being placed on the third floor. Mechanical work is underway on the first and second floors, while all mechanical equipment has been installed in the penthouse. The greenhouse is framed and nearly complete.

When finished, the building will meet or exceed the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification criteria. It will house the departments of biology, chemistry and earth and environmental sciences. Earth and environmental sciences will occupy the first floor, biology the second floor, and chemistry the third floor.





A typical lab features large windows that will allow better daylight to flow through the rooms.





Dormers along the top of the building complement the campus' Georgian architecture, and they house louvers for fresh-air intake. The chimneys will have exhaust ducts to remove fumes from the building.



Windows opening to the corridor give visitors a view of science laboratories.

# Honor Roll of Donors

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Leadership gift commitments have provided key support, enabling us to move forward on important projects and programs. It is a special pleasure to recognize and thank the following donors who have made very generous gifts to the campaign through June 30.

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# **Alumni Notes**

## Message Board



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campus is high. The arrival of a new class, new faculty colleagues and new past year, which had many noteworthy achievements:

- Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., join New York City as official alumni groups. We have terrific volunteer leaders in these organizations who are helping connect Susquehanna graduates inmeaningful ways.
- · Our sesquicentennial Homecoming Reunion Weekend was attended
- The event shows a lot of promise, judging from the many affinity groups that came together to reminisce.
- Thanks to our college fair representatives, event hosts, telephone callers and word-of-mouth advocates who, as graduates, create awareness of SU that is one of the most effective forms of endorsement.
- post-graduation advice.
- with more to come.

We have been working very closely with our Alumni Board, and the outcomes listed above are the result of joint planning that began more than three years ago. During the coming year, the Alumni Board will be discussing what should



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In August 1952, he was discharged and was hired by the Campbell Soup Co. in Camden, N.J. While at Campbell, the began work on his master's degree in business administration at Dresch. He went to school after work on Tuesday and Ihrusday nights, lust as he was about to complete his degree, a letter arrived asking him to report for a new assignment in Napoleous, Ohio. He looked for ways to complete the degree, but his career would not a considerable of the control of t

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Lynn Hassinger '57 Askew went to New Orleans with Susquehanna's Hurricane Relief Team Number 12, May 11–18.

1964

Jim Bramer '64 retired from the Lutheran ministry in the fall of 2008. He and his wife, Barbara, have relocated to Millville, Pa.

1970

Jeff Scott '70 retired as assistant superintendent of schools in South Brunswick Township, N.J., in December 2005, Jeff is currently working as the interim executive county school business administrator for Hunterdon County, N.J.

Jeff's wife, Carolann, was an art teacher in Monroc Township until retiring in June 2008. Jeff and Carolann celebrated their soth wedding anniversary on July 2, On Oct. 24, they became grandparents when Brennan Daniel was born to their eldest son. Daniel, and daughter-in-law Charlene.

Dan continues to explore his musical passion by playing part time in the '80s cover band Piece of Candi." Full time, Dan is a rouse propagar in the ban

is a freelance illustrator and an assistant manager with Abercrombie & Fitch on Long Island. Their youngest son, Kevin, is an assistant manager for sales with AT&T and resides in West Chester. Kevin and his fiancée, Nicole Levine, are

planning a spring 2010 wedding. In October, Jeff, Carolann and Gerry Nanos '70 enjoyed a week of fun and friendship with fellow Susquehannans Don '70 and Karen Kaneen '71 Fetterolf at their Kissimmee, Fla., home. Jeff can be reached at scottjeffreyr@aol.com.

1971

Linda Maier '7a received the 2009 Madelyn Levitt and Linda Glazer Tooling Award for Faculty Excellence from the Emma Willard School in Troy, NY. Linda is the science department chair. The award honors an outstanding faculty member who performs extraordinary service to the students of the Emma Willard School.

1972

Paul Cain '72 is working for Bayer Crop Science as a manager and liaison to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. His wife, Anne Herdle '73 Cain, has been a residential real estate agent for 27 years. Classmates can reach them at paul cain@bayercropscience.com or annecain@bayercropscience.com or annecain@alo.com.

Tom Carter '72 was named communications director at the U.S. Commission on

communications director at the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, a Washington, D. . . .

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Tom and his wife, Chizuko, have been married for 26 years. They have two grown children.

Joe Garvey '72 is vice president for business affairs and treasurer at Marywood University. Scranton, Pa. He and his wife have three grown children and three grandsons, with another grandchild due in June.

Robert H. Harris '72 is an assistant professor in religious studies at Mercyhurst College-North East in Eric County, Pa. Ordained for 21 years, Bob received his Ph.D. in theology from the University of Chicago. He has been teaching full time for five years and served as an adjunct professor for five years before that, all the while serving as a Lutheran parish pastor in several churches. One of his reigning passions is fly fishing and being situated in the middle of Lake Erie wine country gives him plenty of opportunites to enjoy the sport. After graduating from SU, Bob played professional baseball for one season in the Baltimore Orioles farm system, before heeding his call to the Lutheran seminary in Chicago.

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## Alumni Notes

MaryEllen Deveau '72 Ulatowski retired in June 2007 after 35 years of teaching music. She continues to work as a substitute teacher in the local schools as her schedule allows Her husband, Paul, is an adjunct professor at a local college. They have two grown children.

The couple's travels during the past couple of years have been to Nashville, Tenn., Winston-Salem, Va., Branson, Mo., Myrtle Beach, S.C., the Florida Keys and the Mediterranean. They will be planning a trip to the Canadian Rockies in the near future.

Classmates! Don't miss letting us know what you've been up to. The next Susquehanna Currents deadline is Sept. 15. Send me your best stuff or whatever comes to mind. Cheers! Scott / SCTruver@aol.com

Alyce Zimmer '73 Dochner was formally thanked by a former student who is now contemplating a career in mathematics or graduate study and who says she changed him from a whiner to a winner in the ninth grade. Now a senior in the College of Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences at the University of Maryland, he won a Philip Merrill Presidential Scholar Award and named Doehner as his mentor

35TH REUNION

Pamela Gehron '74 Robey is the recipient of the 2009 Isaac Schour Memorial Award, which was presented by the International Association for Dental Research at its 87th General Session and Exhibition in Miami, Fla April 1 She is the chief of the craniofacial and skeletal diseases branch at the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, part of the National Institutes of Health.

Jim Baglin '75 carned his 600th

career victory as a basketball coach Jan, 16. He has coached basketball at Mendham High School in New Jersey since 1979.

William Swanger '76, vice president of cornorate communications at Diakon, was

given the President's Award. The award is given periodically to an individual in Diakon who for an extended period of time has displayed exceptional leadership. He was also a nominee for the Diakon Leadership Award.

Linda Wilson '76 managed the commission of a new minor work by composer Lee Hojby (www.leehoiby.com). And the Waters Flow was commissioned by the Presbyterian Church of Bound Brook, N.L. to celebrate the 30th anniversary of music director Thomas P. Rodgers, Linda worked with Hoiby to select text for the 12-minute anthem, which is based on Psalms 147 and 148. It is scored for adult and children's choirs. organ and brass sextet.

Hoiby attended the premiere on Oct. 25 in Bound Brook. As part of the performance, Linda played horn with her former student, Theresa MacDonnell, and friends from Solid Brass (www. solidbrass.com). Hojby has been referred to as the "great unsung composer" of our time. Two of his anthems. Let This Mind Rein You and Hymn to the New

Age, are among the most popular and widely performed of today's sacred choral works. He was chosen for the commission from among several prominent sacred choral music composers.

And the Waters Flow is available from Rock Valley Music Co. and will soon be released by a major publishing house. Rodgers and Hoiby are collaborating on a version for choir with organ accompaniment.

I would like to thank those in our class who have been so generous and consistent in their gift-giving to our alma mater over the years. The Class of 1979 has always shown a strong commitment to Susquehanna, even when the overall economy is less than ideal. We can be proud of the fact that despite being one of the smallest classes in number. we have never been small in our generosity. Thank you very much indeed.

You are most likely aware that our 30th reunion is upon us already. I find that almost impossible to comprehend, considering that none of us looks a day over 30. It would be wonderful to see you this fall. I hope you can make it to our beautiful campus Nov. 6-8.

Best wishes. Susan Odiakijan

Mark Sims '83 completed coverage of his 17th regular session of the Connecticut General Assembly as capitol correspondent for the Connecticut Radio Network. Mark is also a weekend news anchor at WTIC AM radio in Hartford, Conn.

Kristen Schreiber '85 Gillette is president of the Kortney Rose Foundation, established by Kristen and her husband, Richard, in memory of their daughter. who died in 2006 of brainstem glioma, a rare form of brain cancer. The foundation belos other children with brain tumors by supporting pediatric brain cancer research and promoting awareness about the disease.

On Nov. 27, 2007, which would have been Kortney's 11th birthday, the foundation presented \$75,000 to the neurooncology department at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) for brain tumor research. In 2008, the foundation donated an additional \$100,000 to the research program. In 2009, the foundation, assisted by local politicians, drafted a bill that was unanimously passed by the state legislature, designating May as Brain Tumor Awareness Month in New Jersey.

The Kortney Rose Foundation continues to hold fundraisers in support of research and spread awareness about pediatric brain tumors, the No. 1 cancer-related cause of death in children 20 and under. For more information on this nonprofit organization, go to www. thekortnevrosefoundation.org.

Kirk Jones '85 started Northeast Thermal Imaging, LLC, where he is president and owner. The company provides infrared thermography services to commercial, industrial and residential customers. Infrared thermography is a state-of-theart diagnostic imaging tool that enables users to see energy losses, moisture/insulation deficiencies and excessive heat on industrial equipment, and has numerous additional uses.

# 1986

## 1987

Susan Heim '87 Call received her Master of Science degree in marriage and family therapy from Eastern Nazarene College in Quincr, Mass., May to. She was also awarded the Outstanding Graduate Student Award at commencement. As part of the program, she was induced into Psi Chi, the national honor society for psychology. She graduated with a to OPA.

# 1990

Christina Khoo '90 was appointed manager of research sciences at Ocean Spray. She will drive research into the health benefits of the cranberry, providing scientific support for cranberry-related product innovation across the world.

Jill Morrissey '90 returned to Pennsylvania after living in London for the past two years. She worked for Credit Suisse, handling project management and research in Manhattan before

Jill is active in the Financial Women's Association and other related diversity organizations. She is involved with networking events and researches topics

## Spotlight: Leslie Marshall '02

## **Under the Microscope**

By Larry Gaffney

In these days of swine and bird flu alarms, most of us flee the proximity of a wins. Not taselle Marshall '02. Currently a research fellow with the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Strokes at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Marshall's work involves the reactivation of neuropic viruses from latency. She takes cells from the brain itssue of deceased patients infected with the Chowlows virus and studies its modification produces and studies its modification produces and studies its modification produces.

The JC virus (named after the initials of the inst patent in which it was discovered) hides in bone marrow until the host's Immune system is weakened, at which time it migrates to the brain and causes demyelinating lesions in the white matter that are eventually fatal. This alone is a frightening prospect, to be sure, until one learns that the JC virus; a flease of domant in 80 to 90 percent of the world's population. Like many viruses, IC is an opportunistic entity active only in losts already compromised by diseases such as IVI or multiple sclerosts; it is, in fact, considered an AIDS-defining illness. Regardless, Marshall dutifully practices sterile techniques and other cautionary or procedures in the laboratory.

As a girl in Oakford, Pa., Marshall was not the type to be found in the yard overturning rocks to see what squiggly things lurked beneath, nor in the basement, dissecting roadkill. Although she excelled in biology class, she was no science geek. She believed that "high school students should be kids" and spent plenty of time hanging out with friends and working at Sam Goody's record store. But at SU she felt drawn to the biosciences, and a senior project in microbiology with Professor of Biology Tammy Tobin sealed the deal. In collaboration with the chemistry and earth and environmental sciences departments, seniors investigated the bizarre environs of Centralia, the former coal-mining town devastated by profuse underground mine fires. There they studied harvesting bacterial DNA for biochemical and



genetic study. It was a sophisticated endeavor, she says, that led to summer internships at Merck Corp., a doctorate from Wake Forest University and the appointment to NIH.

Marshall is delighted at having landed at NIHawhich she calls "the hub of science." In addition to her work, the takes advantage of career symposiums and lectures by Nobel Buruestes. She is also a member of the Foundation for Advanced Buratton in the Sciences (FAES), which she likens to "a small grad School representing the voices of the next eneration of scientists."

Studying the elegance of viruses—the simple and effective way that something so small commandeers a vastly larger host and replicates within it—has given Marshall a profound respect for cosmic design. "I'm in awe of what I see."

Regarding the danger posed by viruses, she is less sanguine. Increased population densities, she says, will create ideal conditions for a pandemic. Her advice to the concerned citizen: "Wash your hands."

Larry Gaffney is a contributing writer from Williamsport, Pa.

## WQSU Alumni Celebrate Station Legacy at Spring Fling



Ken Selinger '68 during the taping of personal statio

One by one, Susquenama alumni cued up The Pulse's microphone to relive their glory days working at the radio station. The event was part of Spring Fling weekend, a unique opportunity for alumni spanning generations and graduating classes to require a round company interest.

About 30 alumni attended, including representatives from every decade since the station's inception in the 1960s. Chris Markle '84, Susquehanna's director of admissions; Joe Kantz' 54; Brady Gallese' 07, technical services helpdesk engineer for the university; and trary Augustume, professor of communications and theatre and head of the

Department of Communications, made up the committee that planned the event.

A highlight of the reunion was the alumni history recordings, WGSU alumni recorded official personal station IDs, which will be played on air. Markle, who worked for the station and served as operations manager in 1983, says this aspect of the reunion was "a fun way to reconnect with the station and the current technology."

Augustine says alumni from the station's earlier years were surprised by the ways in which WOSU has evolved technologically. "It's a whole different type of operation today than it was in the 'foo and 'ms." he says.

WQSU began as a small radio club in 1967 and grew from a station with a 10-watt output to a station with a 12,000-watt output, now reaching a radius of 50 to 70 miles. "It's significant because it covers the whole Susquehanna Valley," says Augustina.

A rich legacy is attached to the growth of WQSU, a legacy that belongs both to alumni memory and campus listory. If was always student interest that kept it going, with the support of administrators and faculty, says Augustine. Spring Fling Weekend served as a special celebration of this legacy and others that have shaped the

Listen to The Pulse live at www.susqu.edu/wgsu-fm/index.html.



Unis Markle, director of extraosions, and Catherine Hastings, associate professor of communications, at the WQSD luncheon during Spring Ring Weekend

such as microfinance and venture capital.

While in London, she was contacted by fellow SU alumna Abby Dunlap '06, who had been looking for colleagues in London and found lill by searching the SU alumni online directory. Iill and Abby met and found it helpful to see a friendly face from home. Abby works in London. for Options Group, a global executive search and strategic consulting firm specializing in financial services. Abby's main focus is placing analysts and portfolio managers into hedge funds across asset classes and strategies. Jill advised her to become involved with the 100 Women in Hedge Funds organization, which is now the largest hedge fund organization and has an active London chapter. Jill attended 100 Women in Hedge Funds events and found them to be good networking opportunities that could provide Abby with the connections she needs in her recruiting career.

Jill has relocated to Williamsport and is searching for a position in which she can apply her corporate skills to local industriae or universities.

Born to Shino and Christopher Neff '90, a daughter, Saya Sophia, July 9, 2008. They live in Mendham, N.J.

Hugh Warns '90 is director of research for Stifel Nicolaus & Company inc., a full-service retail and institutional brokkers and investment banking firm. In Equity Research Group finished No. 1 in Stock Picking and No. 1 in Earnings Estimate Accuracy out of 264 firms in StartMine's 2008 domestic rankings.

1991

Born to Esther and Robert Kalomho '91, a daughter, Nadula. They live in Windhock, Namibia.

Born to Michael and Carrie Ratkus '91 Roberts, a son, Brady Owen, Jan. 4, 2008. He joins his older brothers, Mitchell

Pease '92, a daughter, Alison, va, Ill. They live in Aurora, Ill.

Mary Mournighan '92 Yoder is

Sean Huba '93 joined Morgan He is managing all trading and tations in the hedge fund division in Greenwich, Conn.

Robert, July 9, 2008. He joins his

Boston with a second bachelor's

doctorate degree in sport and

recently accepted a position as and Fitness in Reno. Nev.

Beaver '97 Brill, a daughter. Rylie Jean, March 9. They live in

Aaron S. Jayman '97 was named a shareholder in the Camp Hill football official. He resides in Dillsburg, Pa., with his wife, Erin.

Born to Brian and Julie Skelton '97 Lonardo, a son, Trey, Nov. 7.

Born to Andrew '97 and Laura Desrosiers 'oo Renauld, a son. Henry Taylor, April 6. They live near Rochester, N.Y.

Born to Natalie and Brad Loeb 98, a daughter, Addison Mae. etrist in Sinking Springs, Pa., and

Bretty Marcy '98 was hired as communications director for He covered the capitol for the

Susan McCann '98 married Bric is an Internet marketing Born to Mike and Julie Daws '98 Shannon, a daughter, Annabelle Jane, Sept. 23. They live in Drexel

Born to Mike '98 and Christine Foster 'o1 Zisa, a daughter, Olivia Grace, April 4. They live in Bethesda, Md.

Born to Jay and Abby Byrnes '99

Bridget Clopper '00 Bailey is Baghdad, Iraq. Bridget complet-

Kristi Hauck '00 Harpster married Sam Conrad, June 7, 2008, in her master's degree in psychology in 2007 from Walden University and is a Mobile Therapist/Behav-BSC) for USBH in Sunbury. They

Born to Luke 'oo and Emily Zachary, April 27. They live in Kissimmee, Fla.

Ryan Cidzik 'o1 accepted a position as assistant strength and conditioning coach for the New York Jets. He is responsible for the physical development of all offensive and defensive linemen.

Born to Steve and Amanda Furman 'or Sattazahn, a son, loseph "Joey" Donald, April 21. They live in Harrisburg, Pa.

Tara Laskowski '01 received the Kathy Fish Fellowship in fiction. She earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in creative writing from George Mason University and completed a manuscript of her first novel, set in her hometown in Pennsylvania.

Her fiction and nonfiction works have been published recently The Rambler and and Art. Her short story They was published in Pindledyboz and was a storySouth Million story in 2004. Another story, Hole to China, was nominated

Tara lives and works in a suburb of Washington, D.C., and is learning how to play the piano. Tara is the third Fish Fellow, fol-Stefanie Preele in 2008.

Born to Josh 'ox and Sarah big brother Kevin, who turned

therapist as part of the Inpatient Addictions Treatment Program with adults in the early stages

Born to Rvan '02 and Valerie Bodam '02 Franks, a son, Dante Alexander, Sept. 16, 2008. They live in Bethel Park, Pa.

## Two Lives, Changed

Bryan and Erich Majors '10 are making their mark at Susquehanna University, thanks to scholarships funded by alumni and friends—people just like you.

"Susquehanna is giving not only me, but also my brother, a great opportunity to succeed in life."

-Bryan Majors '10, of Harrisburg, Pa., April 19, 2009



The Majors twins are just two of many students whose educations are made possible by the generosity of donors whose gifts, both large and small, open the door to enrollment at Susquehanna. Brian and Erich, along with four other outstanding students, spoke with passion about Susquehanna's impact on their lives and expressed their gratitude to the donors who made it possible during the annual Scholarship Luncheon held this spring. Watch their moving testimonials at

www.development.susqu.edu/html/celebrating\_scholarships.html.

For more information about funding scholarships, please contact at 570-372-4408 or seaberg@susqu.edu.

The lives you change today could change the world tomorrow.

Born to Jeremy 'oo and Megan Ferguson '02 Heidenreich, a son, Connor William, March 30, 2008.

Leslie Marshall '02 received her Doctor of Philosophy degree in microbiology and immunology in March 2008 from Wake Forest research fellow with the Laboratory of Molecular Medicine and Institute of Neurological Disease Institutes of Health in June 2008. Md. (See related article, Page 39.)

Highton '02 Reed, a daughter, Madison Joan, Dec. 1, 2008. They live in Long Valley, N.J.

Caroline Jackson '03 married Anthony Cuddahy, Aug. 2, 2008, at South Shore Baptist Church, Hingham, Mass. Elizabeth Tackson 'oo was maid of honor. Also in attendance were Windy Williams '03 Alonso, Jackie Sears '03 Campbell, Angela Fegely '03 Johnson, Bill Laible '03, Marie Maradeo '03, Kat McCarron '05, Jess Mikulski '03, Mike Mirabella '03, Meagan Reynolds '03 and Jen Stamm '03 Voelker. They live in Hingham.

Patrick Johnson '03 married Laura Lindberg '04, Sept. 20, 2008. They live in Drexel Hill, Pa.

Megan Patrono '03 is a guest service manager at Disney's Animal Kingdom in Orlando, Fla.

Nick Ripatrazone '03 has been accepted by the Master of Fine Arts program at Rutgers-Newark to study fiction. Nick has been publishing fiction regularly since graduation, with one of his works appearing recently in The Kenyon Review.

Beltzner '03 Zangara, a son,

the master's program in urban

Kelly Hatton 'os was admitted enrolled there as well. Kelly received a full fellowship, as well as a teaching assistantship, full tuition remission and a health insurance package. Kelly has 4 spent the past few years in the

Jason Jewett '05 is pursuing his Master of Arts in digital media studies from the University of Denver and has recently been

Casey Kauffman 'os received

He has been a technology spe-

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Community College through Renaissance studies and to help

a two-year medical post-baccalaureate program, MEDPREP, at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, She will begin medical school this fall at the Boonshoft School of Medicine at Wright State University in

Abby Dunlap '06-see 1990.

special education liaison in

Chelsea, Mass., and is working

Lebanon, Pa. RJ is an accountant Markow '07 and Andy Gilbert Cushing '06, Matt Bowker wedding. Professor of Account-

Adam Rivera 'os, John Terison

ages three offices in the United

Angela Dippold '07 graduated from the University of South geology. She works for the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

Sylvia Grove '07 has been in the Master of Arts program in

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- Kelley Kometa '95 manned Dennis Sharnon, Feb. 27, in North Wales, Pa. Kelley is employed by SDI Health, and Dennis is an executive chel for Eurest Dining Services. Pictured are, left to right, back rows: Leiph Smythe '95 Merlin, Melssa Garreth '94 Reformato, Ellen Bazier '95 Iorio and Ashley Smith '96 Christie (Front rows: Relley and Dennis.

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- 5. Jenell Witkow. at Commonwealth Stanley. Dave is a in to right, back row: Valerie Bodam '02. '02, Kimberly Ande Timothy Frassinelli '02, Thomas Kay' '0 Elizabeth Hedin '02, Highton '02 Reed.
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# **Snapshots**

- 1. Estima Di latini 78, dipuli wealth management financial advisor at Merrill Lynch, was recognized as one of the top advisers in Colorado by Barron's Winner's Circle on
- 2. John W. Wolfe '88 has been appointed the new chief financial officer of the American Philosophical Society (APS) in Philadelphia, taking over the position from another Susquehanna graduate, Carl F. Miller '65, The APS was founded by Benjamin of accomplished members past and present, including many of the Founding Fathers Today the APS, which is located in Independence Park next to Independence Hall, includes a research library and a museum. It awards numerous research grants and fellowships each year.
- 3. A group of Kappa Deltas from the Class of 1991 gathered in Mystic, Conn. Pictured are, left to right: Megan McCutcheon Quigley, Lori Parker McManus, Peggy Wisniewski, Cindy Hamme Reichard, Laura Saalmueller Schilpp, Linda Hauptli Price and Vicky Wilt Stockman.

- 4. Joined by family and friends, Mark Casazza '86, Craig Orr '86, Jim Penney '85, Reed Starr '88, Dave Stanton '87, Vance Tome: '86 and Bill Walter '86 met for a by an evening of bowling. The guys lived in a "mod" (modular house) on the hill. at the far west end of campus between 1983 and 1986. Pictured, left to right, are: Casazza, Penney, Yong "Sue" Yi, Debbie Casazza (seated), Orr, Linda Tomer, Molly Stanton, Walter (seated), Rachel Penney, Tomei (at rear), Mei-Lin Walter (seated), Jillian Penney, Ronnie Penney, Starr (seated), James Stanton (at rear), Grace Penney, Kimberly Stanton, Justin Tomer (standing on chair) and Stanton.
- 5. SU women's basketball players gathered along with their spouses in July 2008. Pictured are, left to right, seated: Steve Taylor '90, Marianne Rosini '95 Taylor, Yvonne Young '94 Esworthy and Kristie Maravalli '93; standing: Dina Fornataro '98 Healey, Jen Winters '92 Zeitz, Alison Heoler '95 Wolfgang, Mark Hribar (former coach), Jeff Young '94 and Becky Page '94 Young.
- 6. Robert M. Joppa '98 graduated from The George Washington University on May 17 with an master's degree in business adminstration in international business and marketing. Pictured are, left to right: Lindsay and Alice Jackson, Glenn Joppa, David Joppa, Judith Joppa, Robert, Holly Maxwell-O'Reilly '94, John O'Reilly '98, Jeremy and Marilda Ramont, Jennifer McGonigle-Ramont '95 and Brian Jackson.



## TOUCHING LIVES ACROSS THE CENTURIES

More than 90 years after graduating, Eva Herman is giving a current student the opportunity to fulfill her dreams at Susquehanna University.

Herman established an endowed scholarship through her estate in memory of her brother, Murray (pictured), from the Class of 1901, ensuring that her legacy and her brother's would live in perpetuity. This year, the scholarship is benefiting Lauren Cataldi '12, a psychology major from Port Trevorton, Pa.

"This scholarship gives me much more than an education or a college experience. It's giving me the opportunity to become the person I know I can be with the support of the Susquehanna University family," says Cataldi.

With thoughtful planning, Herman was able to make an impact on the lives of Susquehanna students nearly 100 years after her own matriculation. Susquehanna University can ensure that your legacy makes a similar impact in the decades and centuries to come. For more information, please contact Kimberly Andretta at 800-353-7970 ext. 4042 or andretta@susqu.edu.













#### **NEWS & EVENTS**

#### Regional Chapter Executive Board Luncheon

Regr in a Chapter offices garbered oil campus during Spring Filing to brainstorm ideas and share news about their respective chapters. There were two to three representatives from each region. Offices heard from Sara Karli and, executive vice president of administration and planning. New logos and invitations were unveiled by the Office of Communications, and representatives filing the Office of Admissions spoke about the Alumni and Parent Admissions Network. Offices talked about ways to engage more voluntees and utilities social networking stees.

#### New for 2009-10

Look for chapter activity to begin in central New Jersey and Boston. If you live in either of these areas and would like to volunteer with a new regional chapter, please contact Kristin Vought 107, assistant, director of alumni relations, at yought@susqu.edu.

#### **NEW YORK CITY**

#### NYCAlumni@susqu.edu

Calling all New York alumnit. Your alumnit chapter has held a couple of successful events during the past year, and the leaders would like to engage a broader group in the planning of activities. If you would like to get involved, please contact Anne Stankiewicz 'Os. chapter president, all anne stankiewicz@os.com.

Join the NYC chapter on Facebook and LinkedIn. Go to www.sualum.com and click on the NYC regional chapter page to find links to these social networking sites.

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Central PA alumni, family and friends gathered at Metro Bank Park on Aug. 30 for a picnic and a Harrisburg Senators baseball game.

#### PHILADELPHIA

#### PhillyAlumni@susqu.edu

The Philadelphia Alumni Chapter h
at the Great American Pub in Cons
introduced and regional alumni to a
the chapter gathered with current
against the Killwaukee Bucks. The group mingled and networked before the game at
the ATST Paulino.

#### Check out the Philadelphia chapter blog at www.suphillychapter.blogspot.com.

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# Regional Chapter News

#### WASHINGTON D.C.

#### DCAlumni@susmu.adu

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#### PITTSBURGH

The Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter held its organizational meeting on July 28 with area alumni. To get involved, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@susou.edu.

The chapter held its second event at a Pittsburgh Pirates game on June 2. Chris Markle, director of admissions, attended and spoke to chapter members about campus developments and admissions.

#### SACE GALLEDY

Anne Stankernicz 16s, president of the Hew York Coy Alumni Chapter, and Ben Plum 10s, vice president of the chapter, at the all-alumni dinner during Spring Filing Weekend in Jume / Pictures, left to right, are Larry Skinner 54, Kristen Evan-Wauphen 192, Godd Schmikert 195, Stocy Koppenhaver 192 and Amy Skinner 30 at the App-alachian Berwing Co.

Fictured, left to right, are Allison Hartman '05, Christine Gunther '05 and Kristin Johnson '05 at the Great American Pub in Conshohocken

V. Pictured, left to right, are Washington, D.C., chapter board members Kuthryn Clark '07, Amanda Catom '06, RJ Martucci '06, Shannon Elnet '05, Tracy Januazi '07, Kera Martucci '07 V. jand Krista Lundberg '06 at K Steet Lonnge

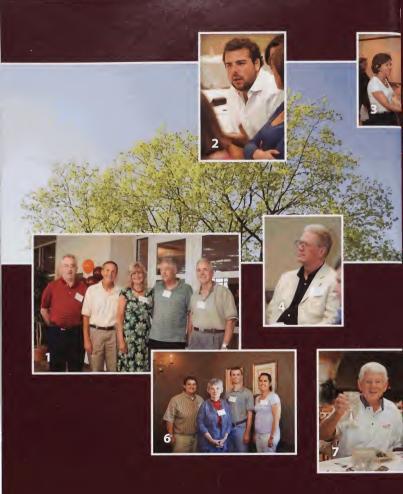
Kerin Bordlemay '06 and Betty Charles '68 at the career networking event

/ Addie Falger '04 and Doug Boedeker '92 at Capitalizing on Your Connections

I Lynn Burke '03, secretary of the Central PA chapter, at the executive board luncheon during Spring Fling Weekend



Update your e-mail address in the online community to receive invitations to chapter events. View more photos of chapter events at www.sualum.com/photoalbums.





# SPRING 2009



- 1. 1969 graduates Richard "Dick" Janes, Dave Johnson, Ingrid Davidsen, Jim Brown
- 2. Ben Plum '05, vice president of the New York City Alumni Chapter, met with
- 3. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dunham '81 visited with former faculty member Jim Steffy.
- 4. Dave Lightcap attended the WQSU Reunion with his wife, Bonnie Eiker '70 Lightcap.
- 6. M. Andy Nagy '08, Lynn Hassinger '57 Askew, and Brian '02 and Amy Ely '01 Bush
- 7. Jim Peters '49 and Ris wife, Peggy, raised their glasses in celebration of
- 8. Jeff Fishbein '94 served as emcee of the WQSU reunion



## Deaths

#### Corrections Spring 2009

In the article Going Global: Building Blocks of a 21st Century Education, Margaret Peeler was incorrectly identified as an associate professor of biology. Her correct title is professor of biology.

In the article SU Sports: A Family Affair, Greg Haklar's last name was incorrectly spelled Harker in a photo caption.

Blanche Stauffer '29 Keeny, Spartanburg, S.C., Feb. 26. She taught high school English and coached dramatics. She was active in her church, Christ Lutheran Church, York, Pa., more than 100 members. She was a member of the church council and a lay reader, and served as president of the seniors group, the "Keenag-'60 Lehmer, and a grandson-in-law, Kevin Sharpe '89.

Mary Landon '36 Russell, Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 20. She received a master of arts degree remarkable 62-year career as a music teacher began at Lycoming College in 1936. Upon her retirement as associate professor of music in 1978, she was named associate professor of music emeritus but continued at the college as a part-time piano teacher until 1998. She taught piano privately in her home until 2005.

Marcella Chaya '36 Turnbach, Shippensburg, Pa., April 4. She earned a Master of Arts degree at the Teachers College of Columbia University Hazleton High School. After her marriage to the Rev. Edward Turnbach in 1939, she worked

On her 91st birthday, she received a cita-

Horace A. Kauffman '40, Littz, Pa., Feb. 6. RCA for 25 years. He retired as the director of planning at Community Hospital. He also at New Cumberland and Doylestown high schools. He is survived by his son, Barry Kauffman '63.

Elizabetik Anne Miller '47 Leach, Tuckerton, N.I., April 6. Among her relatives who graduated from Susquehanna are husband John R. Leach \*47, who was an SU music faculty member from 1950 to 1959; the late Donald R. Leach '46; Clayton E. Leach '56; Lucian Smith '5-4 Leach; Clayton E. Leach III '82; and Suzazane Leach '84 Magrowski.

George A., Cooper '48, Simsbury, Conn., Dec. earning the Bronze Star for bravery in the

and continued tutoring students during her completing all those tasks necessary to keep a

The Rev. David Volk '52 April 16, Allentown, Pa. During his 40 years of active parish Grace Lutheran Church, Perth Amboy, N.L. N.J., 1965-1970; and First Lutheran Church. Windber, Pa., 1960-1965. He also served as

bury, Pa., from 1955 to 1960. Volk served on many committee and boards for numerous Lutheran agencies in the Central Pennaylvania and New Jersey synods. For more than 10 years, he served as cutser counselor for 15 congregations in the Raritan Mission Claster of the Pranglical Lutheran Church in America-New Jersey Synod. He was a pastor-supervisor for interns and field work seminary students while at Grace Lutheran Church in Perth Ambox

Voll: was actively involved in bettering the communities in which he lived through work with the Salvation Army. He also served on committees and boards for the Rariam Bay Medical Center and the Y.M.C.A. Volls was devoted to community service and received many citations and honors during his active ministry, including those from the New Jersey State Senate, the cities of Perth Amboy and Woodbridge, the Salvation Army, the Raritam Bay Medical Center and the Perth Amboy Kilwanis Cibl.

Volk was also dedicated to promoting clergy cooperation among the Christian and Hebrew communities. In retirement, he continued this effort as an active member of the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding at Muhlenberg College.

Volk had a liftleog passion for traveling, For 30 years he and his wife, CarOya, served as tour hosts. He led tour groups to neady 60 countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Central America, Burope, the Middle Bass, North America, South America and the South Pa-Clife. He also participated in Lutheran World Relief Study Tours to India and Zast Africa and was a member of its speakers bureau.

After rething from active ministry in 1985, Volk and his wife moved to Allertown to be near their handicapped daughter, Krista, who is a resident at the Good Stepherd Home. He was vice president of the Ruker Center Pamily Council Executive Committee and was decleated to the mission and advancement of Good Shapberd. Volk was a member of the Gettyabung Sammary Alumni Council and linison to the Pfilladelphis Lutheran Seminary. He was also a member of the Accessfullity Ministry Team of the Southeast Pennsylvania Synod and delivered Mesil On Wheels. In addition, he was an active member of St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in Allentown, where he served as chair of the Memorial Committee and sang in the clioir. He enjoyed many activities with the Seniors Group of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Emmaus, and was a member of the Institute for Learning in Retirement and the Allentown YM.C.A. He is survived by his son. Paul Volk 180. no. Paul Volk 180.

Louis J. Kieluze '58, March A, Westmont, Ps. Louis served in the Army. He retired as a teacher and athletic director with the Richland School District, having previously served as principal and assistant principal. "King Louie" as he was affectionately known by the many students he came into contact with while at Richland, also began "Ram Power" at the school, and was instrumental in introducing several sports, including swimming and volleyball. He was a propoent for girls sports, insisting on parity.

Roy C. Regel \*62, March 5, 2008, Milton, Pa-He served in the Ari Porce, based in Turkey. Following his discharge, he worked for the federal government at the National Security Agency in Fort Meade, Md. He retired after 34 years, moving with his wife to Bendersville. He was scheduled to receive recognition as an honorary lifetime member of the Benderville Fire Company. He sang in the church choir and enjoyed working at church dinners, and also served on the pastroal search committee. For the past seven years, Roy was employed in the produce department at the Weis Masket in Lewisburg. He was a licensed EMT. mt enjoyed traveling.

Peter Elolden '66, Coffstown, N.H., Peb. 9, 2008. He was a violinist in Sal Princioti's Youth Symphony during his school years and played at Carnegie Hall. He worked in the research department of The Economist magazine in London for several years. One of his significant assignments was a research consultant for the scholarly Economist Atlas of the New Burope. His former colleagues at the magazine honored his memory with ceremonies at their London headquarters. He traveled extensively in Europe and Asia.

James Buchanan Wagner '67, Prince George, Va., April 6. Jim was the owner of MAACO Auto Body and Paint in Petersburg and was an elder in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., serving in several positions and teaching the adult Sunday school class.

George Freemen 70, Northumberland, Pa, March 22, He was a staff auditor for the Department of Definee, Internal Review and Audit Compilance Department, at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Aberdeen, Md., serving in the same department for 37 years until his retrement in February 2008. A Joyal Volunteer, the worked for many years at the pharmacy of Upper Chesspeak Medical Centre in Bel Air, Md., where he lived, logging almost 8,000 hours of volunteer service.

Linda Kauffman 71 Moyer, Straburg, Pa., Nov. 24. Moyer was a reading and English teacher in the Peques Valley School District for 35 years, most recently serving as chair of the English department. She also served as junior class adviser for 25 years. She is survived by her husband, Alam Moyer 70, and nisce, Britany Hufinggle '98.

David E. Wiest '87, Mechanicsburg, Pa., March 2

Youne Young '94 Esworthy, Harrisburg, Pa., April 29, Younne was a gentle, intelligent, beautiful woman who was loved by all. She was most proud of being a mother to her son, Eric, and loving wife to her hubband, Sont. She was a member of Tree of Life Lutheran Church, where he was the chair of the Finance Committee and active with Vacation Bible School. She was a founding member of Family Promise of Harrisburg, a charity to help the homeless. She was active in the fight in the Susan C. Komen Three Day Walk in Philadelphia.

She became the chief financial officer of Miffilinitup Bank and Trust Co. a tage 26 and helped guide the company for more than seven years. She gradued at the top of her class from Troy High School and graduated magna cum laude from Suquedhanna University. She played basketball at Troy High School and is still the only player, male or fernale, in school history to have scored 1,000 points and have 1,000 rebounds. She continued her athletic career at Susquehanna University, where she played basketball for four years.

Running was a big part of her life. She loved to run for exercise and ran the Harrisburg marsthon in 2000. She was an avid gardener and scrapbooker, and enjoyed spending time with her many friends and family, who remember her as a person who made everyone smile when she entered a room

# **End Notes**

## Jumping Headfirst Into the Adventure of Learning

By Lynn E. Palermo, Associate Professor of French



Seek adventure in learning and in life! This is my motto both in and out of the classroom. As an undergraduate, I lived these words fully, choosing courses that piqued my interest and letting my major take care of itself. They choed in my mind during my semester abroad in Strasbourg, France, when I tied a blanket to my knapsack, crossed into Germany, and hiled through newly plowed fields from one church steeple to another with no destination in mind.

These words later took me back to France for a year with nothing but a backpack, an open calendar, and a desire to return home with a deeper understanding of the French people and their language.

My stories of harvesting grapes, helping to restore a 13thcentury monastery, and laboring on a sheep and chicken farm are familiar to my students because these experiences gave me insight into French and American culture—and into myself. Specifically, Hearmed that when I dive into a new situation, no matter how disorienting, I will almost always swim. This is what I ultimately strive to teach, for Knowing that you are capable of rolling with the unfamiliar frees you to embrace the new experiences that will let you grow.

Recently, finding myself with a regular salary, a dependable car and even a house in the suburbs, I began to wonder if I was still living my own philosophy. Though I'd continued with the French play (my annual classroom adventure) and experimented with mounting an art exhibition in the Lore Degenstein Gallery in collaboration with my Women In Postwar France students, I began to feel staid and, consequently, a little hypocritical. When had I last really stretched myself?

I decided to shake up my existence.

First, I played a small part in the theatre department's production of *Our Town*. Though I'd directed the French play for years, I had never actually been in a play. I'd never tried to envision the character behind the dialogue and play it convincingly. It was an excruciating reminder of how unsetting it is to feel inept. But when the curtain rose on opening night,

I realized that we had created an imaginary universe for the audience. I was thrilled to be part of that gift and to have watched the production mature. I also gained perspectives and learned acting techniques that I carried back to the French play production.

This spring, I played a role in The Vaghta Monologues. Despite my initial panic, I was grateful to the women who had persuaded me to take part in their student-run production. Their commitment to and passion for an event that carries no course credit or other tangible reward inspired me as much as their moving performance. In addition, I was able to watch them collaborate outside the classroom, share ideas, and critique and encourage one another toward a finished product, which gave me new ideas for managing the group projects in my courses.

In January, the SU CASA service-learning trip to Costa Rica and Nicaragua stretched me in other ways. More accustomed to linguistic and cultural dislocation, I felt better equipped for this adventure. Yet, upon arrival, I was paralyzed before the tsunami of unintelligible language, and my "utterances" were limited to a nod or shake of the head. After a couple days, I could understand the gist of conversations but still hesitated to talk for fear of embarrassment. Finally, a visceral need to communicate drove me to speak using any means necessary, including massacring the Spanish language by ignoring verb forms, gender and agreement, and sprinkling in Italian, French or English—whatever worked—then spicing the whole mess with oversized gestures. It was a breakthrough. Having showed inhibition aside, I was free to learn, make mistakes and laugh at them. In short, I had plunged in and was beginning to swim.

These experiences have made me keenly aware that disorientation is a critical juncture in the learning process, for feeling lost signals that things are not as wed presumed. When we find ourselves in this uncomfortable place, we have a choice: We can turn inward to find comfort in familiar "certainties," or we can look outward to grapple with new ideas, knowledge and worldviews, understanding that they may lead us to question those same "certainties."

An important part of my role as a teacher is to design courses that help students increase their tolerance for this disorientation. I want them to resist the natural impulse to retreat and, instead, persist in extending themselves outward to become fearless actors in their own learning. Meanwhile, I will continue my own plunge into the unfamiliar in pursuit of new understanding that will enrich me and my classroom. —

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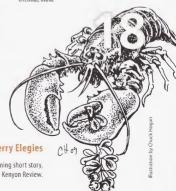


#### In A New York (Yankees) State of Mind

Brian Richards '06 combines his passion for history and sports with a penchant for storytelling to become the curator of the new Yankees Museum.



Nick Ripatrazone '03 presents his award-winning short story, originally published in the Kenvon Review.



## The First Word

By L. Jay Lemons, President



ONE OF THE hanns is the privilege of meeting and building relationships with Susquehanna graduates. Their energy, continuing devotion and love for the university are a source of nourishment and inspiration for my colleagues and me. Our recent Homecoming-Reunion Weekend was a wonderful opportunity to connect nearly 1,000 alumni to each other, to students, to faculty members and to the campus we want them to always regard as home.

Travel also brings me to the doorsteps of our alumni and reveals so much about Susqueh

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nology. He joined the faculty at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and served as professor of electrical and computer engineering for 37 years.

Champaign, III., is not an easy place to get to from Selinsgrove, but I have arrived at Paul's doorstep several times this decade, always greeted by a smiling face—and a couple dozen questions. How is Susquehanna managing to survive? Are you concerned about where your students will be coming from in the future? How do you compete? His mind continues to churn in ways that make it easy to see how graduate students were challenged and motivated to perform in his lab.

I had the privilege to speak at Paul's 90th birthday party in 2008, which was an extraordinary event for several reasons, including having the opportunity to be in the presence of his graduates, 13 of whom have been recognized with distinguished alumni awards from the University of Illinois. Their reach is a testament to the impact "Uncle Paul," as they affectionately call him, has had on their lives and, as a result, the world. As an example, the 2009 Nobel Prize in Physics was awarded to a trio of scientists whose foundational research took place in Paul's light decades earlier.

Paul shares readily that he modeled his lab and his work with graduate students on the experiences he had at Susquehanna as an undergraduate studying under the late Paul Johannes Ovrebo. The personal attention he received was critical to his success, much as the case is for today's SU students. Ovrebo was so influential in Paul's life that he and his son, Peter, created a scholarship honoring Ovrebo's memory and supporting SU science 'students in their quest for a degree.

Paul's zest for living, his pursuit of knowledge and his never-ending curiosity about our world have kept him a very young man, even in his 92nd year. He says his Bible study group has opened up new insights: "I spent the first world works, and now I'm trying to figure out how this world works, and now I'm trying to figure out why it exists." I hope you will enjoy Paul's commentary on the importance of curiosity in this issue of Susquehanna Currents. He is a treasure and an inspiration.

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By Nick DiUlio

Young Alumni Tackle the Tough

Urban Assignments

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THERE'S A HOLLYWOOD CLICHÉ about working with kids in the inner city, the one where a young, ambitious teacher descends upon a mutinous classroom or community center. Her good intentions abound, the system beats her down, but triumph emerges in the end. The students are convinced that learning is, in fact, cool. The world is a better place. Case closed.

But for 2006 graduates Rachel Beatty, Anna Makatche and Zach Macholz, the formula is not so cut and dry. In varying capacities, each of these Susquehanna graduates works with children surrounded by hardships and misfortunes, but their stories are far more nuanced than the ones we see on the silver screen. It's about motivation, discipline and emotional chaos—theirs as well as their students'.

IT'S AN BARLY TURSDAY APTERMOON, and It's quiet at the Kingswood Community Center in the impoverished northeast neighborhood of Wilmington, Del. A small, statictly radio is tuned to an R&B station that plays Sevie Wonder's Coverjoyed, while the day's five remaining senior citizens sit in worn-out chairs with idlenses in their eves.

"OK, everyonel Time for bingo." Beatty, 25, emerges from her office and musters up some enthusiasm with the announcement.

She is in her first year as servicelearning program coordinator for Communities in Schools, an organization that connects students and schools with community resources. In this role she wears many hate, and one of them involves mentoring nearby Howard High School of Technology students who have not been assigned afternoon work co-opuduring the semester. They spend several hours a week here at the center, completing various acts of community service. Today Beatty has three of them, and their service is to play bingo with the senior citizans.

Back in her office she asks one of her most defiant students, Juan, whether he would like to hand out prizes or call out numbers. He doesn't respond.

"Juan, what you need to do is show me that you're listening to what I'm saying to you."

"I'm listening," he says, not looking up.
"OK. Do you want to call numbers or nand out prizes?"

"I don't wanna do neither."

"Well, pretend you have to choose between one or the other, because you do." Beatty walks behind her desk to fetch the prize bag she's prepared. "Anc cheer up. Life is good. Life is beautiful."

prizes. He stands and walks out into the community center's main gathering hub.

It's gotten easier to stay positive and not let their negativity affect what I'm doing," she says. "I want them to have a positive experience here. But I can't make someone else be happy. It's up to them." Beatty, a native of Newark, Del., studied sociology and cultural anthropology at Susquehanna before spending two years in the Peace Corps. Upon her return, she enrolled in Public Allies, a national community leadership program that places people between











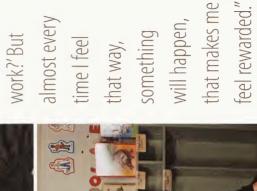
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the ages of 18 and 30 in leadership positions at nonprofits across the country. Last year they placed her at Shue-Medill Middle School as the 4-H After School Program Manager. This year they brought her to Kingswood.

In addition to working with Howard High School seniors, Beatty also runs a community service program for suspended students at the nearby East Side Charter School, a K-8 institution with a significant suspension problem. Participating students come to the center during their suspensions, and it's Beatty's job to engage them in community service projects while connecting them to the resources they need to turn their lives around.

Beatry also was just awarded a \$2,500 grant to launch a community produce garden that will be planted on the acreage behind the community center and tended to by local school-children. She hopes this project will help improve Kingswood's severely damaged reputation. "People are afraid to come to Kingswood's she says." I see this [garden] as a way to get people to have a stake in this community center again."

As for her students, Beatty says her greatest struggle is in motivating them to care about their own success." A lot of your time is spent trying to motivate other people to want to do things. If you have someone who wants to do something, motivating him to do it well is a lot easier than trying to motivate someone to want to do this thin o"

And this, she says, has its frustrations.

"Yeah, sometimes I go home and think, Why am I doing this work? I should do something that is more immediately fulfilling. But almost every time I feel that way, something else will happen, something small, that makes me feel rewarded. That's a what keers me goine."

MAKATCHE KNOWS ALL ABOUT the frustrations of trying to make a difference. As a fifth-grade elementary school teacher in one of Manhattan's most troubled neighborhoods just outside the Bronx, she feels it every day she walks into her classroom. "You enter every day feeling like a failure." says Makatche, 25. "It's hard because it feels like the world and the system are against me and my students, and I have to be the cheerleader for myself and 30 little 10-year-olds on a daily basis. It's a joy to do so, don't get me wrong. But it's also a challenge. An incredible challenge. Entering feeling like a failure is not because there is a lack of success happening in the classroom. It's because there is so much left to be done."

It's almost II a.m., and Makatche's fifth-graders have just closed their history books and taken out their math materials. Makatche wheels an overhead projector to the center of the room, somehow managing to keep an eye on all 30 kids at once. This has to be done quickly: Efficiently. Their attention is precious and fleeting, and in one fluid motion, she flicks on the projector while uttering these magle words: "OK. One, two three, all eyes on me!"

And then, in perfect unison, her class responds: "One, two, all eyes on you!"

The math lesson is underway.

At Susquehanna, Makatche studied French, Spanish and secondary education, earning degrees in all three disciplines. After graduating, she applied to Teach For America (TPA), a national organization that places recent college graduates in two-year teaching commitments at troubled urban and rural schools. It was TFA that placed her here at P.S. 152, Dyckman Vallev School.

Now in her fourth year, Makatche still marvels at the challenges she faces. "Sometimes I sit back and think, 'I'm an elementary school teacher?' I never thought I would be doing 'this,' she says with a laugh. But one would never know it to watch her teach, as the job seems to come so naturally. She is firm but funny; patient but swift; and when there are discipline yiboblens, she handles them without disrupting the flow of 'fire lesson.'

But her greatest challenge is not misbehavior; it's the disparate educational levels at which her students are operating. "It was shocking to see how far behind they were, particularly in light of how intelligent they are," "abe says. "Not to say I was

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-Anna Makatche

shocked at their intelligence, Rather

job puts on her, she seems strengthened rather than discouraged by the challenge.

"It's taken me a while to get used to the struggle, but the reason I am here is incredibly important," she says. "And that has kept me coming back at the end of every year."

IN THE SAME WAY Makatche didn't think she would wind up teaching inner-city fifth-graders, Macholz also had other plans, ones that had nothing to do with teaching 11th grade English at a magnet school in the Bronx.

As a creative writing major at Susquehanna, Macholz, 25, thought he was on a doctorate in creative writing and then. eventually, a college professorship. But he put all of that on hold to spend time in the "real world," teaching high school English High School for Media and Communica go back for his Master of Fine Arts degree, my job if you don't do yours?" but for now his place is here.

"During my senior year, I suddenly directly. I always knew I had the gifts to have an academic career and teach at the collegiate level, but at the time it just wasning I was concerned with."

Now in his fourth year of teaching, Macholz feels like he is making that direct assault, even if the rewards are not

His English classroom is high ceilinged and echoes with the sometimes group of students. It's a daily choosirreverent humor and take-no-crap authority, has to stick with the flow of his lesson plans while also making sure the fragile hierarchy of his command doesn't get off balance.

take out their homework from the night

He's not happy. And that's when the side conversations begin.

"OK," he says, standing tall (he looks to be about 6 feet 4 inches) at the front stands there in stoic silence, waiting.

"Why you gotta be like that, Mister?"

Finally the class calms down and Macholz looks at his watch. "It took you three minutes to be quiet. That is way too long. You're embarrassing yourselves." respond. "I spent a lot of time designing a lesson plan today based on your homework from last night. How can I do

phasizes the positive. He talks about the film and sound production studios they have in the basement, the cuttingedge technology he utilizes in his film classes, and the myriad students who really do want to get the most out of

"This building has been in the news twice this year-once for a student who was assaulted outside the building, and again for a teacher accused of sexually abusing a student," he explains later. and these kids are very low. I find it interesting that somehow when we sink below those expectations it's newsworalways recognized.

Macholz's biggest challenge is the same as Beatty's-it's in trying to make his students realize why they should care enough to do well

refuse concede my desire to see succeed"

"It's such a battle sometimes convincing students that there is a tangible benefit education. They haven't seen that benefit," he says. "But I live and work in a place where if I don't keep my toe to the line. then I arm giving up everything. I refuse to do that. I refuse to concede my desire to see them succeed

Nick DiUlio is a contributing writer from Medford, N.J.

## IN A NEW YORK YORK STATE OF MIND

Bv Victoria Kidd

BRIAN RICHARDS '06 STOPS IN FRONT Of a framed black and white photograph on the H&R Block Suite Level of the new Yankee Stadium. It's one of many lining the contoured hallway leading to party suites where VIPs watch the games. "This photo is of Babe Ruth's viewing," Richards says. As evidence, he points to a line of people in the photograph stretched around the block of the old stadium, now under demolition across the street from the new \$1.5 billion complex—the most expensive sports venue built in the United States.

h eve s big



"PEOPLE ARE WEARING SHORT-SLEEVED SHIRTS. It's summertime. Babe Ruth died in August 1948," he says, "There are only two monuments in center field-one for Lou Gehrig and one for Miller Huggins. Ruth's monument wasn't added until the spring of 1949," he adds, "But the flag is at half-staff, and The Babe lay in state in the old stadium."

It's a historian's deduction coupled with the keen eye of a curator, the combined impact of his years at Susquehanna and specialized training in museum studies at the Cooperstown Graduate Program (CGP), the premier program for training museum professionals in the United States. The program is offered through a partnership between the State University of New York College at Oneonta and the New York State Historical Association.



A signed Babe Ruth baseball is just one of many treasures found in the Yankees Museum

After graduating with a Master of Arts degree in history museum studies. Richards thought he'd have a job after apply ing for 10 or fewer jobs. He applied for 35 jobs and didn't get any of them. Then his luck changed. He received a call from the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, where Richards had done two internships as part of his graduate studies. The New York Yankees organization was looking for a curator for the Yankees Museum, being built as part of the new stadium.

Unknown to Richards, Lonn Trost, chief operating officer for the Yankees, had been in conversation with Ted Spencer. the former chief curator of the Baseball Hall of Fame. In turn, Spencer had consulted with CGP director Gretchen Sullivan Sorin. They decided Richards could do the job before he even knew he was under consideration.

Richards interviewed with the Yankees on the Friday before Labor Day and was hired on Sept. 4, 2008, "It's the only job that I literally ran to the phone to call Mom and Dad about," he says. But for a young man from Hughesville, Pa., who never lived in a town with more than 2,000 people and three traffic lights, elation soon was tempered by a sense of trepidation. "It was the

biggest high and low. On one hand, I had been offered a job with the New York Yankees. On the other hand, I thought, 'Oh my goodness, I have to live in the city," Richards says.

Despite his apprehension, he wasn't about to turn down the offer "I got the one job I didn't apply for," he says, "Never did I think the New York Yankees would come knocking." But they had, and on Oct. 13, 2008, Richards arrived for his first day of work more than an hour early, "Being early didn't bother me. I was walking around Yankee Stadium. I was having a fine time," he says.

Over the next six months, he spent more time at the stadium than he did in his new Riverdale apartment, located, he's proud to note, a quarter mile from where Lou Gehrig lived, "I had six months to do a two-year job," Richards says, "The only things in the museum were empty cases. They just said, 'There you go, pal. Do it.' There was no exhibit material, no appraiser, no designer, no anything," he says, laughing,

Richards embraced the challenge, just as he had his move to the Bronx. Before long, he was contacting private collectors to negotiate borrowing rights, writing text for the displays and editing facts on his late-night subway rides home from work. Evenings became part of his normal work day and weekends part of his routine work week. On many occasions, his diet consisted of TV dinners, Mountain Dew and Otis Spunkmever frozen cookie dough. Things didn't slow down once the baseball season was in full swing either. Twice he worked almost three weeks straight

"I never thought the job would be easy, and I haven't been disappointed," Richards says. "It's a labor of love. ... Nobody has a better story than the Yankees. It's not just the home runs and World Series titles. It's the way the fans embrace the story."

THE STORY IS DEFINITELY RICHARDS' SPECIALTY. He is, above all else, a storyteller-an entertainer who peppers his tales with deft impersonations of his subjects. He tells the stories behind the facts and statistics. "History is more than dates and numbers, war and politics. It's the stories people relate to," he says.

"For instance, it doesn't mean much to the average person that Babe Ruth had a career .690 slugging percentage, But if I tell you that before a game, he supposedly ate a dozen hot dogs, a bicarbonate soda, which he called his milk, and an apple, then stumbled back into the dugout during the game saying, 'I shouldn't have eaten that apple,' people will remember that."

Richards brings stories like this to life for visitors each time he steps into the museum. Every artifact and piece of memorabilia in the museum has a back story, and it's his job to unearth it. He can point to a tattered ball cap in the World Series display case and tell you it was worn in the early 1940s by Hall of Fame shortstop Phil Rizzuto, who went on to a 40-year career as a Yankees broadcaster

He can call attention to a bat in the area showcasing Babe Ruth and tell you the legend used it to belt a home run into the right-field bleachers on April 18, 1923, opening day at the Yankees' first stadium, "The House That Ruth Built."

He'll tell you how this was the first home run in the stadium, how you can feel a flat spot in the hat where "The Great Bambino" made contact with the ball, and how, before the game, Ruth said he'd "give a year off my life to hit a home run" in the stadium's first game. He'll then point out that Ruth lived to be only 53.

There's a story in every inch of the museum, from Ioe Di Maggio's 1937 World Series watch and Mickey Mantle's Louisville Slugger to the centerpiece of the museum-the Ball Wall with its 709 signed baseballs displayed in a glass enclosure, flanked by statues of Don Larsen and Yogi Berra, that curves to the trajectory of Larsen's final strike to Berra's mitt in the fifth game of the 1956 World Series, making him the only pitcher to pitch a perfect game in World Series history

The Yankees' story has, in part, become Richards' story. He is engrossed in the history of the 27-time World Series champions, It's ironic, considering his belated affinity for the sport. Richards says he "couldn't have cared less" about baseball until he was 16, and his family went to a Baltimore Orioles game. The Orioles quickly became his favorite team, and while at Susquehanna, an orange-brimmed Baltimore Orioles cap became his trademark. But even then, the Yankees and their history fascinated him

ON HIS WAY TO LUNCH, Richards stops to chat with a couple of security guards. He seems to know everyone and takes the time to offer a kind word to the people he passes. "I always try to remember when someone is sick and ask them how they're feeling," he says. "When I'm not feeling well, I hope they'll ask how I am." It's a simple, yet profound, philosophy modeled by the late Rev. E. Raymond "Padre" Shaheen, special assistant to the university president. "He had time and love for everybody," Richards says, "and that's something to emulate, something I try to continue in my own life. It's like soldiers in battle. When the soldier carrying the flag falls, another one comes and picks it up and keeps going."

Richards says several other Susquehanna faculty and staff have been influential in his life. The late Victor Rislow, associate professor of music, who taught him trumpet, Professor Emeritus of History Donald Housley and Professor of Political Science James Blessing, are among the faculty he recalls fondly. "I had Dr. Blessing three semesters in a row, but I finally had to stop. I couldn't take another Blessing final," he says, shaking his head and smiling.

David Imhoof, associate professor and chair of the Department of History, was especially influential. Richards says Imhoof always encouraged him to step outside his comfort



Brian Richards inside The Great Hall, the 31,000-square-foot retail and restaurant space located in the new Yankee Stadium.

zone. It just took him a little longer to get there than the spring semester of his junior year, when most students embark on cross-cultural experiences. But he's certainly made up for lost time.

His central Pennsylvania slang and congenial small-town charm can't hide the fact that, in many ways, he has adapted to New York. From his suspicion of "gypsy cabs" to calling only Manhattan "the city." Richards is definitely in a New York state of mind, or perhaps more appropriately, a New York Yankees state of mind.

"They're sports royalty," Richards says, "Putting on a major league uniform is special, but putting on the pinstripes is at a whole other level." And Richards has taken the ride back to the top of the heap with the Yankees after their nine-year struggle to get there.

Richards stepped out of the museum at nearly midnight on Nov. 4, the night the Yankees made World Series history again. He stood on the main level of Yankee Stadium and watched Phillies hitter Shane Victorino hit a ground ball to second baseman Robinson Cano, who flipped it to Mark Teixeira at first for the final out. "It was so ordinary, just like any one of hundreds of groundouts to second during the season, but so much more meaningful. More than 50,000 people roared at once. The atmosphere was just electric," Richards says.

"Riding in the World Series parade through Manhattan's 'Canyon of Heroes' two days later was even better," he says. "To see millions of people cheering and filled with excitement for block after block was breathtaking. I don't know how many people were there, but it was certainly more than I had ever seen in one place before. It's a long way from Selinsgrove!" ~

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I arrived at Chennai International Airport in India at 5 a.m. I was there as a result of a scholarship from the Eric Stein Fund for International Experience, offered to students studying in the Sigmund Weis School of Business. My purpose: to bring my business skills to a nonprofit organization working with individuals who are homeless.

AS THE PLANE LANDED on the runway, I praced myse the notoriously humid air my research had a make me to expect. In fact, a man I'd met during my layover in London had referred to Chennai as the "hell-hole of India." So much for great expectations, Still, as the cabin lights flickered on, I turned and saw a woman don a thick winter coat! I learned quickly that India is a land of contradictions. Rapid development and inconceivable poverty. Lavish displays of color and rigid cultural norms. I was embarking on an adventure, navigating a world few in the West understand.

I exited the plane, weaved my way through customs and made a beeline for the parking lot. As promised, I was met by both an intense wave of heat and a driver from The Banyan, the nonprofit where I was to spend the next 10 weeks working. As I pulled my cumbersome suitcases toward the van, two young Indians reached for my luggage. I wasn't sure if they were with The Banyan, so I

They brought the suitcases to the trunk of the van and waited eagerly to be paid. I tried to ask the driver for guidance, but with in limited English, he couldn't understand. So I asked the boys how much they charged. Without missing a beat, they responded, "Twenty dollars each."

I stood, dumbfounded, fully aware the amount was outrageous. Nevertheless, I handed them \$10 each, largely because I didn't have smaller bills and hadn't yet exchanged my dollars for rupees. I slipped into the van, What a way to begin my trip!

I sunk back into the passenger seat and peered curiously out at the arid landscape, barely visible at dawn. After 15 minutes, we entered the city limits and began to pass entire families sleeping on mats on the side of the road, dimly illuminated by streetlights. I later discovered that some of these families have lived on the streets for generations.







Work quickly consumed me. I spent much of my time in the central office of The Banyan, a nonprofit organization in Tamil Nadu that houses about 400 women rescued from the streets of Chennai and suffering from mental illness. These women receive psychiatric treatment and vocational skills training that will help them find work when they re-enter the larger society. The ultimate goal of The Banyan is to reunite these women with their families. The Banyan also operates clinics and runs programs in rural Tamil Nadu to educate the population about treatment options for those with mental illness.

When I arrived in May, the handicrafts the women produced were sold only in street stalls and other local venues. The high cost of renting the stalls meant the program was unable to generate a profit. Through my internship, to increase the revenue generated by the women, I worked to establish a partnership between The Banyan's vocational training unit and a fair trade wholesaler in the United States. I decided to create a catalog with

who esaler based in Audit, Texas. The company supplies

retailers throughout the United States with ethically produced and environmentally sustainable, handmade Indian goods. The staff of Handmade Expressions recently completed design work for crocheted hemp purses and block-printed handkerchiefs to be produced by the women of The Banyan and offered in their Spring 2010 catalog. This is one of my proudest accomplishments, as it will exponentially increase the income generated by the vocational training unit.

My most memorable experience with The Banyan was traveling with a staff member to a slum where a fire had ravaged 200 homes. The faces of the newly homeless were stricken with grief, yet they invited us into what remained of the charred structures. What little had been theirs was now gone. As is typical, the shantytown was built on the banks of a river, which was

After surveying the damage, we will ad brist through the

likely sustained while trying to put out the fire. There would be no government response. The Baryan stepped in and collected donations for the victims from businesses and others in the community. I was truly impressed by the organization's willing-ness to meet this immediate need.

ONE AFTERNOON, after returning to my hostel following a day at The Banyan's central office, a gaunt young woman ran up and saked me to come to the store with her. Thinking she wanted to sell me something, I tried to tell her I wasn't interested. Finally, she was able to communicate that she wanted me to buy rice for her family. I agreed, and tentatively followed her down side alleys to a small shop that was little more than a hole carved into the side of a building. Ten dollars bought a bag of rice that the claimed would feed her family for a month. She gave me a hugg pressed against me, her thin frame conveyed that the rice was sorely needed. Filled with gratitude, she wanted me to meet her family. I cautiously agreed not knowing what to expect.

Once again, I trailed behind, following her back to the main road and along the sidewalk to a few straw mats scattered with pots and pans. This was their home, a dwelling place among the perpetual commotion of pedestrians, honking rickshaws and motorbikes. Humbled, I sat down and was introduced to the entire clan, including aunts, uncles and cousins. Their hospitality was exceedingly generous; they even brought me a cup of Indian tea, called chai. After talking for a few minutes, the matriarch of the family asked me if I was interested in miarrying her daughter, presumably the woman who had led me there. It stung my heart to say no, but I politely declined. This was not a question I dever expected.

Sitting among them, having briefly glimpsed their world, I was struck by the injustice of their situation. Likely Dalts, members of the Hindu caste commonly referred to as the "untouchables", this family was relegated to the streets with little chance of a different life. Hindu beliefs about caste greatly influence attitudes toward those living in poverty or on the streets. A person's current situation is considered a direct result of the sum of that person's actions in a past life, so those more well-off feel little compulsion to lead a hand.

The disregard for the plight of those living on the streets was made painfully clear on my visit to the Janan Masjid in New Delhi, the largest mosque in India. As I inched through the crowded bazaar leading to the entrance gate, I stumbled upon a man whose eyes and left leg were bandaged, exposed; sores covering his body. Unable to walk, he writhed his way toward the mosque, pushing along a small container for collecting alms. He cried out for Allah, pleading for mercy. As I observed this heart-wrenching scene, the shoppers literally turned their beacks to his suffering.

My first experience working in service to those without homes was as a first-year Susquehanna student. I participated in the SU SPLASH program, volunteering at Haven Ministries in Sunbury, Pe., and at the Center for Creative Non Violence in Mashington, D.C. I was pushed outside of my comfort zone, and the opportunity to interact with people experiencing home-lessness allowed me to connect with their situation and come to see them as people rather than satisfying.

My trip last summer to Chennai, India, increased my exposure to different cultural norms and to extreme powerty. Most days, thoughts and images of India pop into my mind. Some I would rather forget: children on the street whose lives are fated by caste, mattresses of homeless families strewn across the sidewalk. Other memories bring about feelings of nostalgia: the delicious food, crowding onto a bus or haggling for a rickshaw to the vegetable market. I redefined forever my concept of personal space while sitting in the economy section of the train from New Delhi to Agra. Still other memories seem unreal: discovering that bodies were being cremated on a funeral pyre 20 feet from the beach but where I was staving on the outskirts of Puducherry, Finally, some memories are just amusing: . Indians who thought my name, which they pronounced "black," didn't make sense because I was white. Or being told that sweating right out of the shower is "clean sweat," so I shouldn't mind. "Incredible India" truly lived up to the slogan of the nation's current tourism campaign, and has come to hold a place close to my heart.

Through this experience, I have broadened my understanding of the world and opened my eyes to the possibility of a career outside the United States. Thanks to the Bric Stein Fund for International Experience and my time with The Banyan, I have had encounters that will stay with me for the rest of my life. And they have helped define what I believe to be my vocation: providing direct employment to those experiencing homelessness a horad.



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# Bearberry Elegies By Nick Ripatrazone '03





In September, Nick Ripatrazone'03 was named first runner-up in Esquire Magazine's PRESTIGIOUS FICTION COMPETITION. HIS SHORT STORY "NEVER, EVER BRING THIS UP AGAIN" COMPETED AGAINST MORE THAN 3,000 ENTRIES, MANY OF WHICH WERE WRITTEN BY WELL-ESTABLISHED PROFESSIONALS. HIS STORY WAS PUBLISHED ON ESQUIRE'S WEB SITE IN OCTOBER. AND HIS WORK WILL BE ARCHIVED WITH THAT OF OTHER WRITERS ESOUIRE HAS PUBLISHED. INCLUDING DON DELILLO, STEPHEN KING AND GEORGE SAUNDERS.

"THE BEARBERRY ELEGIES," REPRINTED HERE, EARNED RIPATRAZONE THIRD PRIZE IN THE KENYON REVIEW'S INAUGURAL SHORT-FICTION CONTEST LAST YEAR. THE STORY FIRST APPEARED IN THE JOURNAL'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE, PUBLISHED IN DECEMBER 2008. RIPATRAZONE IS PURSUING A MASTER OF FINE ARTS DEGREE FROM RUTGERS UNIVERSITY. WHERE HE PREVIOUSLY BARNED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN ENGLISH LITERATURE.

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Coleman heard that Rose got at from messing in the shed with Noll, one of the Hatchbrook brothers who lived on a farm along the Fore River. Thene with had something. I presed my ear against the bathroom door and heard her pain, yet doubted it came from Hand certarilar your in the shed. Prosted, dead bumblebees and sawdust covered the floor of the shed, and harmers, vises, and crooked nalls littered the benches and shelves. Noll wasn't attractive: deep lines ridged along his wide forehead. His lips were always chapped and his hair chopped in a perpetual spite, never growing long enough to comb down.

I never asked Rose about it. She stopped going to school, and at first Mom stayed home from her job at the athiques sture and prayed a brown jasper rosary. When Mom's leave ended, Rose stayed with Dad at the port. She shot Polaroids of him baiding lobsters by the tails, the slevers of his worker rolled hack to his forearm, annual sufficient host hoots.

Afterward she and I sat on the laundry room floor, dryer-hot sweatpants, towels, and tharmais spread across our laps, and looked at the photos. Sometimes Dad's eyes shined green, and sometimes blue, and we agreed that they were able to change colors. I heard the kettle's whistle and knew it was time for her bearberry tea. While she drank she rubbed her abdomen, and her skin looked wee, like a liquid become solid. I was worsted that they have the shear of t

The three of us were a year apart from each other. Coleman is the oldest. He will finish high school next year, and then he will have a long alk with my dad about working at the port, and he will most likely say no, because he has been invited before and denied the offer. He will go off to college and come back with different haircuts and different words. He will smile a first, because he has not seen us for months and you always imagine that something is worth missing, but after a day or two he will slif at the table and pull the mashed potatoes across the plate with the tip of his fork. Dad will cross his arms and fold the newapaper onto his lap and let his beer sit there until the froth pops silently undestries down.

One day Coleman came back from the Hatchbrook Farm with spots of blood on his shirt. He told me not to worry about it, but I did, especially when Mr. Hatchbrook skittered into our driverway and demanded to see Coleman. Mom had tocked Coleman in her bed and locked the door, shut him away safe while she and Dad and Mr. Hatchbrook argued in the kitchen. Supposedly Noll's bottom life was split and half his face smatched murie. Mr. Hatchbrook halled his in down to accept that the claim. His sums were over and halch bits of Stool study her was hit seast.

Outside Rose hung her bras on the clothesline. She clipped and strung them along. They awayed like a line of lights. She said she couldn't sleep and I told her to imagine skiring down a big hill, imagine every inch of her body gliding on down. She said that never-worked. I saked her if she loved Noll and she skild no. She said his kisses tasted like smoke and that he squeededher arm a bit too hard when they tagged each other. I imagined what it would be like in that hot shed, the bumblebees littered along the feathery sawdoux, Noll's grip pressing muscle against bone.

Dad usually dropped the trap fifty-five feet down and left it there for three days.

Everybody has a section of the bay to themselves, a place where only they can drop traps, so as to not tangle the lines. Yesterday we found a halfhitch knot tied to our buoy line and that meant we'd crossed lines. Dad called the guy a bastard. He said he knew him for years and felt betrayed.

We went back to the port to get Rose and found her playing cards with two men. They wore Carhartt jackets and backward hats and sat close to her. I knew she was beautiful from when she was young, from the way she raised a spoon to her mouth to the way she slept, all lost under the covers. I think Dad knew she was beautiful too, and I thought he would go in there and kick their asses, but instead he stood in the doorframe and watched. She laushed and flicked the cards across the table as if they were rocks across water.

Cleaned and cooked, lobster meat was served with brown bacon and eggs. The smell always made Rose sick so Mom would open the window above the sink. A thick draft always sidled inside. After Rose sided Mom closed the window and that kept the smell in, and it was almost too much to breathe. We would all rubber be gold than sufficiented.

Dad kept lobster eyes in a jar on the coffee table. I wondered if they-send make good marbles, and strained to open the cap, first holding the jar between my knees while I twisted, then tucked beneath my armpit. I dropped the jar and the black beads spreacts the hardwood.

Dad's friend from the port visited after the funeral. He wore wide boots and I could barely see his face beneath his beard. Dad wanted to show him the jar and went to the table. Only a white ring remained on the mahogamy. He continued to look and I sat on the couch and watched. After a minute he asked me where it was, and TiBed, and while I did I saw the friend's dark eyes darting in sockets, staring at Dad, me, Dad, me. I was so scared I ran outside and wanted to hide behind the traps but stopped when I saw Coleman tying string around a fresh ban of leaves and then walling back as if stream were an action to be leavened.

### The 'Grove

#### **Q&A** Rabbi Kate Palley



is September. Rabbi Kate Palley became Susquelaumas first director of Jewish life. Working independently and as part of the university chaplain's office. Palley oversees the activities of the lewish student organization, Hillel, and teaches academic tourses supporting the lewish studies minor and Central Curriculum. She initiates programs; facilitates interreligious dialogue; and coordinates religious celebrations, learning apportunities, and social and cultural events as part of her position. Susquehanna Currents caught up with Palley during the festival of Sukkot, and even the 20-mile-per-hour winds that threatened the sukkah constructed on the lawn of the Charles B. Degenstein Campus Center couldn't extinguish her additional more than in the construction of the lawn of the Charles B. Degenstein Campus Center couldn't extinguish her additional more than in the construction of the country of the construction of the construction of the construction of the country of the construction of the lawn of the Charles B. Degenstein Campus Center couldn't extinguish her additional more than the country of the construction of the country of the construction of the country of the coun

SC: As the first director of Jewish life at Susquehanna, what do you hope to bring to campus and what changes do you hope to see here?

KP: I'm hoping to bring a Jewish voice to campus diversity. The campus has not really encountered active Jewish life, we'n learning together. A lot of people aren't really sure what Judaium means. It's a living religion, and I want to celebrate and loffuse the joy of Judaism as a living religion.

\$10 How have your previous experiences prepared you for the new challenges you'll encounter at Susquehanna?

KP: I worked at Oberlin College with Hillel, striving to make Jewish life vibrant there. The number-one way I'm trying to approach this experience is by listening. I see myself as a facilitator.

SC: What kinds of dialogue would you like to see taking place at SU, especially within individual religious life groups, but also on the campus as a whole?

KE. There are so many conversations to be had, again, because we're all learning. But in particular, I think there are two kinds of conversation to engage in. One is how we're similar, and, of course, there are a lot of similarities. But I think it's OK to say we're different as well. As a result, I'm interested more in modeling than dialogue, creating a model of living Judaism—a new, modern image of what a few can be. I want to look at individual practices, too. There are a lot of suppositions about who a few is and what a few is supposed to be; it's difficult even within the fewish community.

SC: What excites you most about your work here?

KP: The fact that this campus is actively embracing diversity and working hard to achieve it is huge. I got here and just had this sense that people were hungry for it—that students, faculty and staff want to know and learn. We want everyone to be embraced, and in a supportive environment like this, the sky is really the limit.

#### **SYLLABUS**

#### Demystifying the Middle East

With rising oil prices, Iran's nuclear ambittons and military engagements in Iraq and Afghanistan, Americans hear news reports about the Middle East on an almost daily basis. Few, however, possess a concrete understanding of the region's history and culture. That's where Assistant Professor of Political Science Samer Abboud comes in

Abboud's classes on the Middle East provide Susque-hanna students with insight into the politics and people in this volatile part of the world. His most popular class is Middle East Politics and Society. The class is coffeen and foll and it fills to come

of the Middle East.

each time he teaches the class, he learn something new about the way students learn. "It's changed more, I think, in response to student dem and and student canacity" he says of the 200 level political science.



Samer Abbout a steep in transfer his phts into the policies and peop of the Middle East.



Abbourd combast this difficulty by assigning students several presentations and a final paper, rather than giving midterm and final exams. This approach allows him to more effectively gauge how well students can research the Middle East and present information about it.

"I absolutely feel as though I better understand the Middle East," says Katherine Messler'll, an international studies major who took the course in the fall of 2008.

The class attracts students with a number of majors, from political science and history to public relations and information systems. Abboud is mindful that he not only is teaching a number of non—political science majors, but he is speaking on a topic that is unfarmiliar to most students. That's why he encourages students to read blogs and news articles about the Middle East and discuss what's in the news at the beginning of each class.

"Middle East Politics and Society stood out from other political science courses, because we were learning about the past while also discussing current events arising from the history of the region," says Shannon Dewees '11, a political science major who took the course in the flavor.

Abboud explores a different theme with students each week. For instance, when the class examines youth culture, popular culture, and technology and media, the readings focus on everything from AJ Jazeera and Arab reality shows to cell phone usage in Morocco.

"It challenged every single person in the class to see the Middle East in a way that is unconventional and typically not taught in America," says Caroline Campbell '11, an international studies major who also took the class in the fall.

#### **FORWARD THINKING**

#### On the Clock

Students Gain Specialized Work Experience Without Leaving Campus

Every year, a handful of first-year students are offered a special kind of financial aid that allows them to work with a faculty or staff member and graduate from Susquehanna with four years of professional work experience.

Helen Nunn, director of financial aid, says students in the assistantiship program have unparalleled opportunities to polish heir professional skills and work ethic. "It's a great thing to watch over time, and especially to watch it culminate," she says.

Gary Fincks, professor of English and creative writing and director of the Writers Institute, has employed five assistantiship students since the programs inception in the mid-1990s. The Writers Institute, a fledgling program when Fincke hired his first assistant, has grown steadily through the years.



Sarah Andrews works as Gary Fincke's assistantship student, providing support to the Writers Institute.

"There's plenty of work to do here," Fincke says, nating what used to be a luxury—a helper who was nice to have around—has become a necessity. He says his sasistanthip students learn interpersonal and public relations skills, along with the "nuts and bolts stuff" that can apply to any major or career.

"It's always good to know how to write a news release," says Sarah Andrews '12. A sophomore business administration major, Andrews says she is adding a public relations minor to her degree in part because of the experience she is getting through the Writers' institute.

Hannah Leavens' 12, a creative writing major and biology minor, says her assistantship allows her to explore her interest in science without majoring in it. Leavens works with Associate Professor of Biology Alissa Packer, helping upperclassmen with their research. The assistantship is really helping me gain experience similar to that of a biology major,' she says.

Packer says the assistantship program is an invaluable resource. "This program is an enormous help to faculty in that it allows us to work with the same student, one-on-one, for four years," Packer says. "It helps my research and other work move forward at a faster pace because I do not have to retrain someone new each year." Professor of Biology Matthew Persons agrees. His assistantship student, biology and chemistry major Alex Sweger "I), acts as both a research assistant and sounding board. "He comes up with a rough experimental design. I modify it, and he adds to it and refines it," Persons says.

In January, faculty and staff submit proposals outlining the four-year positions they have to offer assistantship students. A committee evaluates the proposals and screens accepted incoming students for academic and leadership qualities. Finalists then are notified of the available assistantships, and the matching process begins, culminating in a new group of young professionals for faculty and staff to nurture.

Contributing writers to The 'Grove are Heather Cobun '10 and Billie Tadros '10.

## **Score**board

#### 2009-10 SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Both Susquaharna University basketball teams qualified for the Landmark Conference playoffs last season. The women earned two of the four Landmark yearly awards while placing two players on the all-conference team. The men swept the yearly awards while also claiming two all-Landmark players. This season, both squads will aim for a conference title and a berth in the NCAD Division III champlonships. For the first time, the 2009-103.minmark playmplon will agree an attornant invitation to the national tournament.

#### MEN



Spenser Spencer maneuvers around the defense during last season's match up with the University of Scranton.

Men's basketball barely missed an at-large invitation to the Division III championships last season. They posted an overall record of 18-8. Including a nail-biting 80-75 overtime loss at The University of Scanton in the Landmark championship game. This season, the men will have to offset some key losses from the team, including guard/forward Jeel Patch '09, last season's Landmark Player of the Year and a finalist for the Division III Player of the Year award. Patch averaged double-figures in both points per game (ppg) and rebounds per game (rpg) in 2002-81.

Also gone are two other starting guards: Matt McDevitt '09 and center Rob Cosgrove. McDevitt and Cosgrove averaged 9.2 and 8.8 ppg, respectively, last season.

However, guard and fan favorite Spenser Spencer '12, of Seattle the 2008–09 Landmark Rookie of the Year—is back. Spencer ranked fourth for three-pointers in the conference last year and averaged 13.6 ppg while earning all-Landmark honors.

Guard Bryan Majors '10, of Harrisburg, Pa.—the reigning Landmark Defensive Player of the Year—is also back. Majors led the conference by a wide margin last season in both steals and assists.

The SU men led the conference in rpg and field-goal-percentage defense in 2008-09.

#### WOMEN

The women lost just one starter from a team that went 16–10 overall and ended its season with a 60–51 loss to Scranton in the Landmark semifinals.

Libby Shober, the 2008-09 Landmark Rookle of the Year, and her team-leading 10.2 ppg and 7.4 rpg are gone, but the team graduates no seniors from last season's squad and welcomes back all-conference guard Rachael Hughes '11, of Gordon, Pa. Hughes averaged 10.0 pop last season.

Guard Erika Barron '11, of Tamagua, Pa., who led the team with 89 assists, 34 three-pointers (the fifth-most in the Landmark) and 35 steals, is also back, as are forward Jennifer Butts '12, of Frackville, Pa., and Ashley Watkins '10, of La Habra Heights, Calif.

Butts and Watkins averaged 8.0 and 7.6 ppg, respectively, in 2008–09 to rank third and fourth on the team.

SU women's basketball led the conference in field-goal percentage in 2008–09 and ranked second in field-goal-percentage defense.



Rachael Hughes looks for a shot during a game against Juniata College last season.

#### MEN'S GOLF JOINS EMPIRE 8 ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Susquehanna University, Moravian College and The University of Scranton Joined the Empire 8 Athletic Conference this fall as associaate members in men's golf. The three schools—all charter members of the Landmark Conference—will compete against full-time Empire 8 schools Elmira College, Mazareth College, St. John Fisher\* College, Stevens Institute of Technology and Utica College dar as annual conference championship.

Alfred University, Hartwick College, Ithaca College and Rochester Institute of Technology are full-time Empire 8 members who do not sponsor men's golf.

The 2009–10 Empire 8 men's golf championship will be decided over two separate two-day events. The first two ounds were held Sept. 19 and 20 at Blue Heron Hills Country Club in Macedon, N.Y., where SU placed second as a team. Mitch Mercer '10, of Wexford, Pa, an NCAA Division III PING All-American last season, finished first individually by an impressive elpha ts trokes.

The final two rounds of the championship will be hosted by SU at Susquehanna Valley Country Club in Hummels Wharf, Pa., on April 17 and 18. The team and individual champions will have the lowest combined 72-hole scores.

With the addition of the three new schools, the Empire 8 men's golf champion will receive an automatic invitation to the Division III championships, starting with the 2011–12 season.



"Joining the Empire 8 allows Susquehanna to re-establish itself nationally in men's golf," says head coach **Don Harnum**, who served as Susquehanna's director of athletics for 24 years.

"Giving our student-athletes the opportunity to compete for championships every year is crucial to the positive experience of our program," he says.

Every varsity sports team at Susquehanna is now affiliated with a Division III conference. SU football is an associate member of the Liberty League and, beginning in 2010, will also compete in the Centennial Conference. Women's golf already competes in the Centennial Conference, while all other SU tamps compete in the Landmark.

#### JERRY FOLEY NAMED HEAD SWIMMING & DIVING COACH

Jerry Foley has assumed the head coaching position for mer's and worrners' swimming & diving. Foley replaces Dan Phillips, who led the SU swimming & diving teams for one spason during the 2007–08 Academic year. Philips replaced the late G. Edward 'Ged' Schwelkert III, who served Susquehanna for 39 years as head swimming & diving coach and associate professor of psychology.

"Jerry comes to us with a wealth of education and experience," says. Pam Samuelson, director of athletics. "We think he's going to be a perfect fit at Susqueshanna, and we know that the swimming & diving program is in good hands."



Foley comes to Susque hanna from Lewisburg (Pa.) Area High School and NCAA Division 1 Bucknell University. He was Lewisburg's head boys' and girl's swimmring coach sines "November 200", and he coached Bucknell's swimmring and divers from 1998 z. 2006. eaming Partiot Leadue Coach of the Vear boons five Utimes.

He also has been the head associate aysimming coach for the Sunbury branch of the Greater Susquehanna Valley (Pag.) YMCA since October 2006. In 2009, his boys' team placed eighth at the National YMCA short-course championships, while his combined boys' and qifs' stuad placed 11th.

Since August 2006, he has worked as a staff recenter for Geisinger Center for Health Research in Danville, Pa.

Foley was an assistant swimming coach and physical education instructor for the Division I U.S. Millitary Academy from 1994 to 1998 and the head coach of Division II Adelphi University from 1989 to 1994. He also served as a physical education instructor and the aquatics director while at Aclebhi.

During his tenure at Acleiphi, he was the co-head coach or the naturally oriented Long Island Aquatic Club in Merrick, N.Y.
From 1986 to 1989, he worked as the aquatic director-and positions wimming coach at Deer Park High School In Deer Park, N.Y., and the head coach acceptance park Aquatics, a community-based program.

based program.
Foley graduates with promper from the U.S. Murchant Marine
Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering in June
1984. He received his Master of Arts in physical education from
Adelphi in January 1990.

Foley's college teams in awe been consistently successful. He led the Budnell men to a Partiot championship in 2003 and the women to league championship in 2003 through 2006. He helped the U.S. Millitary Academy with men's Patriot titles in 1995 through 1998. Follow says he wast to main Intain if Jamily atmospheres' in the men's and women's programs. "We will all support each other and strive to achieve our best, both a cademically and athletically, while also embracing the core values of respect and continuous improvement' he saw.

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#### PSYCHING UP THE TEAM

SU Women's Volleyball.

sports psychology to the team dynamics of

Kathy Owens applied her knowledge of

mind. But that's exactly how the 2009 women's volleyball season started. graduated just one player, struggling to start the upcoming year would be the last thing on a coach's When a team finishes a season with the most wins in program history and returns the next year, having

if come from, and who would spark it? In stepped Kathy Owens, executive assistant to the president. found themselves with a 0-5 start to their campaign. The team needed a turnaround, but where would The Susquehanna women faced two nationally ranked top-20 teams in the beginning of the year and

Pulling her away from her duties with the president would be tough, but in 2008, head coach John As a sports psychologist, Owens is a rarity in NCAA Division III college athletics.

bring a new perspective to the team. talented freshmen, Tom needed Owens to bridge the gap between the veterans and the new faces and gist can have on a team, and he knew his team could use the support. With a big roster and a number of "Kuulpo" Tom decided to approach Owens anyway. He had seen the positive effects a sports psycholo-

She also spends time learning the game of volleyball and talking casually with the players to Owens gets her own time with the team when she can talk with them individually or as a group.

next 16 matches, including winning streaks of six and nine matches."Her words were a big part of the Owens' involvement helped the team's turnaround, as the Crusaders, then at 2-8, won 15 of their strengthen the bond between her and the team.

Despite the praise, Owens takes no credit for the team's performance. She simply hopes the players learn from what she tells them and help us to focus more on our individual games, combining our skills together to benefit our team and to successfully execute a game plan." focus and mentality that got us back on track," says senior co-captain Jessica Cicloni. "Dr. Owens' words

Says Tom," I can name so many instances where having Dr. Owens on board was quite possibly the single most important team-So far that seems to be the case, and Coach Tom says he feels the same way. that "their individual competitiveness and team cohesion can come together."

member move I've ever made,"

#### SUPPORT THE VARSITY CLUB



Women's Volleyball Coach John "Kuuipo" Tom talks strategy with his team during a huddle.

## SPORTS RIVALRIES BRING OUT THE BEST IN SU ATHLETES

What would sports be without rivals? Susquehanna University has a number of rival athletics competitions that have turned into traditions and always bring the biggest and loudest crowds into the stands. The oldest rivalry tradition in Susquehanna sorts history is the Goal Post Game against Juniata College. "It's the big one, the most traditional," says Steve Briggs, head coach of Susquehanna football.

The prize in the competition is an actual piece of goal post taken from Susquehanna's old University Field by Juniata fans following their team's 12–7 upset of the Crusaders in 1932. That season was the last coached at Susquehanna by the legendary Amos Alonzo Stag 95., the 'Grand Old Man of Football' The 1935 season then started the Goal Post Game tradition in which each team would defend the sixfoot tall piece of wood against is rival.

This year marked the 50th all-time Goal Post Game, and the Crusaders defended the trophy with a 43–13 triumph at Juniata on Sept. 12. SU now leads the all-time Goal-Post series, 26–23–1. "We've done a nice Job keeping it," Briggs says.

As fierce as the Juniata games can be, SU's most recognized athletics rival is probably nearby Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pa. The Warriors and the Crusaders engage in four traditional battles for trophies. titles and bragging rights.

Over the past 17 years, the two football teams have waged the Stagg Hat Game. The trophy is Stagg Sr/s actual fedora, which was bronzed and eventually given to the school as a gift. The hat stood in a trophy case for some time before the rivalry game was born in 1993.

The Crusaders fell to the Warriors, 37–23, in this year's tilt and trail the all-time Stagg-Hat series, 5–12. The game will now go on hiatus for the foreseeable future, as Susquehanna's switch to the Centennial Conference



next year allows for just one non-conference game (against Juniata). "We want it back," says Briggs. "Hopefully, we have a chance again in the near future."

Susquehanna men's soccer also plays Lycoming in the annual Battle of the Boot game. "The game] was created as a way to highlight the ever-growing rivalry between SU and Lycoming," says Head Coach Jim Findlay. "It borrowed the idea from the football programs."

The context was born in 2001 when initially and the Lycoming head coach came up with a bronzed and mounted soccershoe trophy. As with the Stagg hat, the winning team defined site shoe every year. Despite a 3-0 loss at Lycoming this year, SU holds a 7-2 advantage in Boot games, "We did lose this season, but well look to regain the boot next year when we play the game in Selingsrove," Findley says.

The women get in on the soccer rivalry when SU and Lycoming compete for the RIVer Derby Cup each year. According to Head Coach Kathy Kroupa, the River Derby was created because "both teams always play some of their best soccer against each other, and that makes for a fantastic match."

This year the teams tied, 2–2, allowing SU to keep the silver cup. Lycoming hasn't beaten Susque hanna since 1998.

The two schools have recently fashloned another rivalry event—this time with a twist. The 2009 softball season brought the first Cancer Cup, a community-service doubleheader between the Crusaders and Warriors of thall teams designed to promote breast-cancer awareness. Both squads wore pink shifts made especially for the event and collected donations for the American Cancer Society. According to Kroupa, also head softball coach, "We set the game up to celebrate the close rivalry that Lycoming and SU share, while also working to bring breast-cancer awareness and education to others."

Susquehanna swept the doubleheader, 4–0, 8–4, proving that whether the Crusaders are competing for pride, tradition or community service, annual rivalry games often bring out the best in them.

Contributing writers to Scoreboard are Robert Edward Healy III, Kelly Stemcosky '11 and Justin Lutes.

## People Places

#### Standout Staff Honored With Gates Awar

Each year, Susquehanna bestows the Gates Award on staff members who exemplify outstanding service to the university. Established by Signe Gates '71, vice chair of Susquehanna's Board of Trustees, the award honors these employees for advancing the strategic objectives of the university and enhancing the undergraduate experience. The winners receive certificates, gifts and monetary awards of \$1,000. The following individuals are the 2008-09 winners:



#### MARTHA "MARTY" BLESSING

Senior Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Enrollment Management

Blessing is a 1970 graduate of Susquehanna University, and has remained a member of the Susquehanna

WHAT MOTIVATES HER TO WORK SO HARD FOR THE UNIVERSITY:

#### A HIGHLIGHT OF HER TIME AT SU:

"Each opening convocation. When the faculty marshal bangs the mace on the podium and announces the opening of the academic year, I think about the more than 150 classes that have preceded this one and work

#### HOW HER WORK CONNECTS TO STUDENTS:

"I don't often work directly with many of our students, other than the ones working in the admissions office, who are terrific, but I get to know their names through the recruitment and scholarship awarding process. It's fun to connect a name to a face when I read about a student's accomplishments in The Crusader or see them performing in plays or concerts."

DEBORAH STIEFFEL. VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT, SAYS: "In terms of the strategic goals, Marty is a model citizen. She serves our students and parents well, always remembering why we are all here. She is great with the students in our office—a good teacher and mentor—and has an excellent disposition with families, high school personnel, alumni, faculty and anyone else with whom she comes in contact. In terms of the university community, Marty sees the big picture when it comes to her work and the students we serve. When things happen, she is the first to jump in and volunteer to hammer out the solutions. She works well with everyone on campus and is diplomatic and friendly. Anyone who knows Marty and has worked with her must appreciate her work."



DANIEL KILGUS

Kilgus has been with Susquehanna for 29 years. He worked for a short time as a laborer, then worked in the carpentry shop for a year before moving to the lock shop.

WHAT MOTIVATES HIM TO WORK SO HARD FOR THE UNIVERSITY:

"My upbringing, and the good people I work for."

A HIGHLIGHT OF HIS TIME AT SU:

"When we moved out of our old shop [the site of Nicholas A. Lopardo Stadium] into our new shop on Sassafras Street."

HOW HIS WORK CONNECTS TO STUDENTS

"Anytime you go through a door, I probably worked on it at some point in time or rekeyed it. I work closely with Residence Life."

DAVE HENRY, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES, SAYS: "Danny definitely went above and beyond what was expected of him in quickly re-keying the campus. This was an extremely time-consuming task, and Danny took it on above and beyond his normal duties. This effort was, dare I say, 'key' in continuing to invest in our campus to keep it safe for our students, faculty and staff."



PAUL NOVACK

Novack came to Susquehanna in 2004; prior to serving as the director of Web communications, he was the assistant director of communications. He was in charge of the university's print and electronic communication projects. He currently chairs the university's Web Advisory Group and Core Web Team and serves as a member of the Integrated Communications Team.

WHAT MOTIVATES HIM TO WORK SO HARD FOR THE UNIVERSITY:

"It's a privilege to be able to contribute to the university in support of its mission. At Susquehanna, so many staff and faculty work so hard, give selflessly of their time and talents—and that's inspiring."

A HIGHLIGHT OF HIS TIME AT SU:

"I particularly enjoy when the Susquehanna community comes together to celebrate. The most significant event is, of course, Commencement, and it's a very special day for graduates, their families, and faculty and staff to recognize accomplishments and anticipate future potential."

HOW HIS WORK CONNECTS TO STUDENTS:

"I'm indebted to a number of students—more than 15, in fact—who have worked with me on the Web redesign project. Without their contributions, the project would still be in development."

GERALD COHEN, ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND CHIEF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, SAYS: "For the better part of a year, Paul worked long days and many weekends to keep the project moving. For the initial launch, which was a partial launch, he worked about two months without taking a day off. It was beyond the call of duty, but he refused to take time off until the site was launched. Throughout the project, he handled the wide variety of tasks with the greatest level of professionalism and patience. Paul did whatever it took, short of pleading, to get cooperation from all stakeholders. I can't think of anyone more deserving of the honor."

#### New Faculty Join SU

Thirteen new faculty members joined Susquehanna University this fall. They bring to the classroom expertise in everything from biology and management to communications and philosophy.







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Daryl Rodgers, assistant professor of Italian, joined the modern languages faculty. He holds a Ph.D. in Italian and Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education (SLATE) from the University of Illinois-Urbana, His specialties are Italian language, culture and linguistics, second-language acquisition and language teaching methodology.

Catherine Zobal Dent, assistant professor of English and creative writing, came to Susquehanna from Shippensburg University. She specializes in fiction writing and holds a Ph.D. in English from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Binghamton.

Erin Keen-Rhinehart, assistant professor of hiology, obtained her Ph.D. in biomedical neuroscience from the College of Medicine at the University of Florida. An expert in behavioral neuroemdocrinology, Keen-Rhinehart came to Susquehanna from David Geffen Medical School at UCLA and the Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute.

Lisong Liu, assistant professor of history, earned his Ph.D. in history at the University of Minnesota. His teaching and research interests include modern China, the Chinese diaspora, United States-China relations and Asian American history.

Maria L. O. Muñoz, assistant professor of history, received her doctorate in Latin American history with a minor in cultural anthropology from the University of Arizona. Her areas of expertise include social mobilizations and movements, and issues of race, ethnicity, identity and politics in Latin America.

Renuka Manchanayakage, assistant professor of chemistry, came to Susquehanna after completing postdoctoral work at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Binghamton, where she also obtained her Ph.D. She specializes in organic chemistry.

Judith Morris, assistant professor of communications, received a Ph.D. in mass communication from Pennsylvania State University and specializes in video production, film studies and new media. Most recently, she taught mass communication at Marymount University.

Silas Dent Zobal, assistant professor of English and creative writing, received his Ph.D. in English from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Binghamton. He came to Susquehanna from Dickinson College and specializes in fiction writing.

Henriët Hendriks, assistant professor of political science, came to Susquehanna from the University of Minnesota, where she worked as

Lissa Skitolsky, assistant professor of philosophy, specializes in contemporary continental philosophy and Holocaust studies. Prior to

#### Co-op Garden Takes Root at Outdoor **Education and Research Center**

When you ask most people where they get their food, they'll tell you a grocery store. But this summer, a handful of faculty and staff gathered their bounty right here at Susquehanna, where Associate Professor of Biology Alissa Packer directed a community cooperative garden. The garden was the brainchild of several senior Honors Program students, who worked to get it up and running before graduation. As at other co-op gardens, members of the Susquehanna community planted. maintained and harvested food that they then divided up and took home.

"I think we take for granted that we go to the grocery store and the food is there," Packer says. "You buy food in the grocery store, and you forget that it comes from a living plant." The garden proved to be a family experience for counselor Cheryl Stumpf, SU's education and outreach specialist, who brought along her children, 8-year-old Cassidy and 11-yearold Sean. "My son was really excited. He just hung on to everything Alissa told him," Stumpf says,

First-year students also worked at the co-op garden when they participated in SU GIVE (Get Into Volunteer Experiences), the annual group service day held during freshmen welcome week. The food they collected was donated to Emma's Food for Life, a natural-food restaurant in Selinsgrove that serves monthly community dinners.

Packer's goal for the garden is to make it a true communitysupported agriculture (CSA) farm, where participants pay a membership fee used, in part, to support a garden manager. The garden is located on an 87-acre plot of land along Sassafras Street. Purchased by the university two years ago, the



land was designated as an area for student and faculty research and named the Center for Environmental and Educational Research (CEER), according to Matthew Persons, professor of biology and coordinator of the land's use. "We sort of think of it as our outdoor science building," Persons says.

The CEER is available to anyone who would like to conduct research or just take a walk. The property contains a barn and a recently constructed greenhouse, and Persons says he hopes to see guided trails soon that will educate hikers about the ecology of the land.

The contributing writer to the People & Places section is Heather Cobun '10.

## Campaign News

#### Changing Lives, Building Futures reaches \$65 million



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Changing Lives, Building Futures seeks to raise \$70 million by 2010 in new resources to support endowment and program goals, construction of a new science facility and financial aid for students.

Jim Hall Molding a Lifelong Passion Into a Reason for Giving By Jennifer Botelle '99



Im Hall '6

Sports have always been a major part of Jim Hall's life. The 1968 graduate played football under legendary coach Jim Garrett and was a four-year starter at second base for the baseball team. Baseball has been among his life's passions.

So when he began to consider a gift to Susquehanan, Hall decided it was fitting to support the baseball
program. And when his wife, Pamela, learned about
the cross-cultural requirement of the new Central Curfriculum, they agreed to merge the two elements into a
unique gift that would allow the baseball team to travel
abroad and learn about other cultures through the
international language of baseball.

"Sports meant so much to me at Susquehanna, and with the new requirement that students must do some study away to graduate, it seemed like a natural

combination to me," the says. This understanding led the Halls to create the lim '68 and Paneals Hall Cross-Collunal Endowment for Baseball earlier this year. The \$25,000 endowment will help underwrite the team's travels outside of the United States every three years. The Halls envision the team travelling to such baseball-enthissistic venues as the Dominican Republic, Puetro Rico, Mexico or South America.

To help complete the cross-cultural requirement, a faculty member will accompany the team, adding an academic component to the baseball program. Specific learning goals will be developed for each trip, and team members will complete reflective academic exercises after they return that will demonstrate how the learning goals were met.

"Jim and Pam are such great friends of Susquehanna," says President L. Jay Lemons.
"I could not be more grateful or more pleased that we found such a creative way for them
to make their gift. The cross-cultural program is among our highest priorities,
and their gift creates some facinating on propringities."



Hall and his wife, Pamela, established an endowment that will help the baseball team travel abroad for the cross-cultural component of the Central Curriculum. Pam Samuelson, director of athletics, adds, "Not only will this benefit our student-athletes from an athletic standpoint, but more importantly, it will provide them with an earliching cultural immersion experience, and allow them to learn and gain insight from their peers into other customs, languages and histories."

A 2001 inductee into Susquehanna's Sports Hall of Fame, Hall was recruited as a quarterback and latter medicing moves to defensive back. During his final two years of college, Hall started every game in this position. He also led the tearing has been his senior year. On the diamond, Hall earned all-Middle Adantic Conference honors during his junior year addicated agree-captain with Nikholas Lopardo '68, his then-roommate, during his senior year. The pair remains best friends to this day, having been each other's best man and sodificate to their sons.

Hall's leadmably and success as a student-athlete soon translated into professional accomplishment. After graduations, but joined Equitable Life Assurance Society, working first in Pennsylvania, then Kentucky and California. In 1974, the became an executive with Cal-Surance Insurance Brokers, where he remained for the next 20 years. In 1995, he founded HCM Benefits, an insurance brokerage and consulting service specializing in employee benefits. The company merged with ABD Insurance and Financial Services four years later, and Hall became president of its employee benefits division. In retirement, he splits his time now between California and Arizona.

Although busy making his mark in the corporate world, Hall never lost his interest in sports. An avid golfer, he has made it a personal goal to play the top 100 courses in the world. He recently checked another off his list while visiting his daughter and son-in-law in Janan, raising his bit total to 53 courses.

Despite his achievements in collegiate football and his enthusiasm for golf, baseball has always been Hall's chief passion—so



much so that, when he marked his 20th anniversary with Cal-Surance in 1995, his employees celebrated by sending him to the Los Angeles Dodgers' adult fantasy baseball camp. Hall excelled at the camp, earning all-star honors and finishing second overall in hitting. He returned to the camp in 1997 and again received all-star honors. Over the two camps, he batted .500 and earned daily Most Valuable Player honors twice.

Hall's experiences at fantasy camp made him realize he wasn't ready to stop playing. "That spurred me to play in a men's hardball league on Sundays from 1996 to 2006," he says, adding that he quit only after a spike to the face required 13 stitches and his family convinced him it was time to hang up the glove.

In addition to the cross-cultural experiences afforded by the endowment, head baseball coach Denny Bowers '01, also a former player and Hall of Fame inductee, sees several other potential benefits. "It is a great recruiting tool," he says. "The other benefit is that we would get a head start on everyone else, allowing us to practice and play before the start of the conference."

Through the endowment, Susquehanna students will have an opportunity to develop a lifelong passion for sports, as well as a broader appreciation for their place in the global community.

Jennifer Botchie '99 is an assistant director of advancement communications.

#### The Honor Roll of Donors Is Now an Online Experience

Susquehanna University's Honor Roll of Donors has gone cligitall Visit the Web site at http://thankyou.susque.du/ to send hear from students and faculty who appreciate that donor gifts make an impertant difference at SU. A special welcome message from President L. Jay Lemons thanks Susquehamné's generous alumin and friends for their support. Searchable

databases allow you to find classmates and friends whose upon to much of what happens on campus. Test your knowledge of SU with a fun trivia quiz (hint: find the acorn). And celebrate that Susquehanna has saved a few trees in the process—we will no longer print the Honor Roll.

#### Campaign News

#### Meet This Year's Reunion Scholars

Membras of Merc year's return classes, from 1958 through 2003, contributed to the annual Reunion Scholarship Fund, which supports the education of 10 Susquehanns sophomores. Award decisions are based on academic performance and financial need. Below is a list of the reanion scholars and their sentiments about receiving the scholarships.



Class of 1958 Scholar Erin Antrim Hometown: Emmans, Pa. Major: Elementary Education

"As you walk across the stage as a graduate of Susquehanna University, you are not ending your relationship with SU. You are continuing it. The Reunion Scholarship is a constant reminder of the relationship you acquired by attending SU"



Class of 1963 Scholar Samantha Berkhelmer Hometown: Shermans Dale, Pa. Major: Biology and Chemistry

"The scholarship means a lot. It not only helps me but also my Dad, and right now, times are tough. This year I will be working to pay off my bill for school, and this scholarship reduced the amount I will have to pay out of pocket. The Class of 1963 has been so generous, and without their help, I may not have been able to afford to attend Susquehanna."



Class of 1968 Scholar
Kelly Genovese
Hometown: Greenwich, Conn.
Major: Theater Production

"It is quite an honor to receive the Reunion Scholarship. I truly love this school, so receiving this from alumni who obviously feel the same way is a great gift. I am looking forward to the day when I am an alumna and can help another student out in the way they have helped me."



Class of 1973 Scholar Zachary Grow Hometown: York, Pa. Major: Biology

"The Reunion Scholarship is extremely important to me because it means others have faith in my future success at Susquehanna. I strive to do the best that I can, and I plan to, in turn, give back to others. I am sincerely appreciative to be named a recipient of this scholarship."



Class of 1978 Scholar Parnell Jackson Hometown: Hartford, Conn.

Major: Creative Writing and Theater Production

"The Reunion Scholarship is helping me come closer to reaching my dreams without having to worry about more financial burdens. It is truly a blessing that allows my parents and me to save for such things as books and graduate school."



Class of 1983 Scholar **Casey Phillins** 

Hometown: Clarks Summit, Pa. Major: Creative Writing

"The Reunion Scholarship lets me know that alumni appreciate the education they received at Susquehanna University enough to help fund mine. Although I will only be a sophomore, I know I will always be grateful for the education I received at Susquehanna and for the help I was offered in obtaining it."



Class of 1988 Scholar Micholas Romano Hometown: Pottsville, Pa.

Major: English

"The scholarship means so much to me. It means that my family and I will not have to take out as much loan money as we anticipated. In the current economic situation, the scholarship is an even bigger relief. The Reunion Scholarship also makes me feel that I am doing well at SU and gives me more confidence and determination to excel in the coming semesters. This honor is greatly appreciated."



Class of 1993 Scholar

Amanda Skiles

Hometown: Coatesville, Pa.

Major: Biology and Psychology

"This scholarship helps me financially, but it also makes me feel appreciated for all of my accomplishments in my first year at Susquehanna. It encourages me to do more for Susquehanna because my efforts have been appreciated."



Class of 1998 Scholar

**Gary Wagers** 

Hometown: Lawrenceville, Pa.

Major: History

"The scholarship means a great deal, Education is expensive at any college, and I am very grateful that the Class of 1998 has chosen to help current students fund their educations. Help of this sort is always welcome."



Class of 2003 Scholar Ariel Wickham Hometown: Detour, Md.

Major: Music and Communications

"I cannot thank the Class of 2003 enough for this scholarship. I feel incredibly lucky to receive it. Not only is the class helping me afford my education, they are enabling me to stay at a college that I love."

### Honor Roll of Donors

Francis R. Gelnett '37

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# **Alumni Notes**

# Message Board



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"An institution lives really in its alumni.... Only as alumni are great or useful is an institution great or useful

The Lutheran Observer
May 7, 1875
as quoted in *The Story of Susqueharna University*William S. Clark and Arthur Herman Wilso

A few years ago, President L. Jay Lemons spoke to a group of seniors at BJS steak & Rib House and said, "We want you to consider your investment in Susquehanna to be for a lifetime, not just the four years you're finishing." Although this group was generally sad to be leaving the campus, the message to them was this: graduation isn't the end. In many ways, it's only the beginning. Alumni have a huge role in the life of the university, and you as alumni can and do increase the value of a Susquehanna degree.

We are the Susquehanna story. What alumni share with family, friends, neighbors and associates about their experiences here can be the most compelling evidence of what a Susquehanna education means. Your pride in SU is the unbridled endorsement that can't be found in a brochure, a speech or an admissions interview. Alumni are particularly effective in areas such as student recruitment, professional networking and annual elvione.

Such activities send the message that alumni are invested in the university, and in all of this, there is value for you. Whether it's a next career opportunity, a chance to know a current SU student better, or reconnecting with a professor or coach who made a difference, "Susquehants for a lifetime" is meant to be enriching for all of us. At a recent event in Harrisburg, one of our alumni said, "When I get asked where I went to school, I say, "To the greatest university in the world." It is endearing expressions like this that bind us together as a community long after graduation and attract the next generation of Susquehannans to this great place.

~Becky Bramer '92 Deitrick Director of Alumni Relations

### **Destination 2013 Events**

We want to share with you the great things that are happening at the university and how you can be a part of them. Please pl. to join President Lemons, alumni, current students, parents and friends at one of our upcoming Destination 2013 events. The events will feature networking opportunities, in addition to information on the future of the university.

### Upcoming dates include

Philadelphia Jan. 27
New Jersey March 23
Washington, D.C. March 30
New England April 6
Pittsburgh TBD
New York City TBD

The Rev. David Fetter '56 celebrated his 50th anniversary at St. John's Lutheran Church in Salisbury, Md. His congregation program on June 28 at the Salisbury Fire Hall. He was ordained by the Central Pennsylvania Synod of the United Lutheran Church and installed as a pastor

Lynn Lerew '63 celebrated 35 years of conducting the Hagerstown Municipal Band. the Mansion House Art Center. He joined the band in 1963 as a baritone horn player and

Bill Muir '65 is starting his 32nd season as an NFL coach with the Kansas City Chiefs. He lives in Kansas City, Mo.

Rob '67 and JoAnne Hiatt '67 Fowler married in 1967, Rob enlisted in the Army Officer Candidate School and upon completion of his tour began a career in design, development and general construction. They moved to Florida in 1970 and began Fowler Construction and Development. The firm's first development project was in the Florida Keys, and it has since spread its services throughout Florida. The firm soon will celebrate its 40th year. They have one son, Rob Ir., and four grandchildren, Aside from being his father's best

# Alumni Awards: Service to Susquehanna Robert Campbell '79 By Jennifer Botchie 99

Robert Campbell '79 bleeds orange and maroon. He may even eat, breathe and sleep it-not literally. of course. He is the president of the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter and reunion chair for his class, He writes and edits the Football Alumni Association (FAA) newsletter and attends college fairs on Susquehanna's behalf through the Alumni Parent Admissions Network (APAN).

"SU is a passion for me---especially the people," he says. "I am the first in my family to have attended and graduated from college, so that helps drive my allegiance, I also like to maintain contact and reconnect with my friends, so that helps me maintain the energy level."

HIs flurry of Susquehanna activity began as a student. When an injury ended his football career mid-sophomore year, he looked for other ways to fill his schedule outside the classroom. He teamed up with 10 friends in a project house and worked with local senior citizens. He was elected class president at the end of his junior year, which led to his post-college involvement through service on an alumni committee.

"SU provided me with so many opportunities for involvement when the sports avenue closed," he says. "In a sense, that helped me focus on other ways in which I could make a difference."

His son, Rob '09, followed him to Susquehanna, and that led to his interest in APAN-which really

a formality, he says, since he had been recommending students to Susquehanna for many years. During Rob's playing days, Bob worked with other football parents to organize post-game dinners when the team traveled.

Campbell says he didn't even realize that playing football for just over a year made him a "football



alumnus," but while attending an FAA meeting at the Moravian game last year, he suggested a weekly newsletter to the group and ended up taking on that project as well.

Having been connected and active with Susquehanna in the 30 years since his graduation, Campbell had advice to offer the university's newer alumni on getting involved.

"First, I would say it's important to stay connected, which is much easier in today's digital world. Keep an eve out for SU in the news, activities in your area or just make a trip back, even on years when It's not your reunion," he says.

"SU provided me with opportunities for involvement I never had access to prior to getting on campus. Being involved is my way of repaying the school and my classmates for those opportunities. You may not always have the wherewithal to be a huge financial contributor, but you can donate time and effort for this special place."

# Alumni Awards: Outstanding Recent Alumni Award

# Jermaine D. Edwards '03 By Adam Hinshaw

Jermaine D. Edwards '03 says the leadership skills he had a chance to exercise at Susquehanna have helped him succeed in his current role as a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney.

"Susquehanna Is a university that not only challenged me academically, but also from a leadership standpoint," says Edwards, this year's region of the Outstanding Recent Allumni Award. "If there was an event or organization that I wanted to try to bring to the campus, I was given the support to take that Idea and make It into a reality."

After graduation, Edwards pursued his long-held interest in finance. He started as a credit analyst with Sterling Financial in Lancaster, Pa., then moved to the Reading area to take a position as a loan officer with the Community First Fund and work with clients on a one-on-one basis.

"I helped clients start their own businesses and arranged loans for seasoned business owners who could not get traditional finanding," he says. Two years later, Edwards became a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney.

Edwards continues to help people turn their goals into reality.

"At Morgan Stanley, my practice involves retirement planning for individuals, and I also manage various corporate retirement plans," he says. Edwards enjoys the variety of his work, helping both individual clients and large corporations.

Outside the office, Edwards serves as the finance chair for the Greater Reading Young Professionals



network, a steward and plants for the Bethel A.M.E. Church and a classroom consultant for the Junior Achievement of Greater Reading and Lehigh Valley, Hils success as a young professional has been recognized by the Greater Reading Chamber of Commerceand Industry and the Berks County Living magazine.

Notably, Edwards received the Achievement Arrivant a 2008 from the Central Pennsylvania African American Museum for his community service and leadership to the city of Reading. These achievements prove how Edwards uses his Susquehanna education for the advancement of his profession and community.

Adam Hinshaw is a contributing writer from Lewisburg, Pa.

fishing buddy, Rob Jr. now serves as the company's president. Rob Sr is the CEO, and IoAnne is the comptroller. In 1990, Rob and lo purchased the River Ranch, a cattle and horse ranch located on the Caloosahatchee River near Fort Myers, where they reside today. Over the years, Alaska and Montana have become second homes where both enjoy the wilderness, float fishing and the "Big Sky." They also enjoy sailing and cruises to various parts of the northern hemisphere. JoAnne remains active in the local chapter of Kappa Delta, and both are very active in the community. A recent visit to campus brought back fond memories of a great college experience. The Fowlers can be reached at robsr@fowlercompany. com. Their company Web site is www.fowlercompany.com.

For the second time in four years, Robert Wisgarver (57 had the honor of umpiring a PIAA State Championship softball game, this one a 1-0 thriller, Bob was one of only three returning umpires among the 16 chosen for the final games. In addition to softball, he serves as an umpire for Babe Ruth baseball. He and his wife, Kathryn, live near Lewistown, Pa. They have two children and foour grandchildren.

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Alan Bennett '72 retired in 2008 but continues to serve on the boards of directors for TJX Cos., Halliburton and H&R Block Inc.

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Robert Scott Acton '75 hosts and produces two radio shows an WNTI-FM, the voice of Centenary College in Hackett stown, N. I. The programs—My Back Pages: The Bob Dylan Hour and Things We Said Today: The at www.wnti.org. Acton also Contours. This is his 22nd year show, Blue Sunday,

James A. Hall '77 was appointed controller's and tax and treasuroil and natural gas.

Gaetan Lambiase '80 was apand general manager of Asia for

Richard Decker '81 made his tan School of Music in New York. first Rosa Ponselle International Caruso for tenors in Milan, Italy,

International Opera Studio at Zürich Opera in Switzerland where he made his European debut in the 1984 Eurovision broadcast of Wagner's Die Meistersinger reopening of the newly renovated

During a four-year stretch at guest at international festivals such as Aix-en-Provence and rando in Cost fan tutte in 1990. year with his Vienna State Opera debut in the role of Desportes La Penice, Teatro San Carlo in dam, Flanders Opera in Antwerp, Cologne Opera, Deutsche Oper

Berg's Wozzeck, and the title roles of Parsifal, Tristan, Tannhäuser,

mances of Tristan und Isolde wil the Hallé Orchestra of Manhas sung Stegmund in Act I of Wagner's Die Walküre and Aegisth in Strauss' Elektra with the Singapore Symphony Orchestra under Kent Nagano. In Octo-

ber 2002. Decker sang his 40th performance of the role of Otello. creating a debut sensation at the San Francisco Opera.

Decker can be heard on recordings of Cosi fan tutte, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. Der Sturz des Antichrist, Parsifal and Tristan und Isolde

Decker's engagements in 2009-10 are Tristan in Cologne, Germany, Tannhäuser debut at the State Theater in Nürnberg. Aegisth in Elektra at the Tiroler Festspiele in Erl. Austria, and Walther von Stolzing in Dic Meistersinger von Nürnberg in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Brenda Leach '81 performed several concerts in Russia as of Mozart's Requiem in the on to St. Petersburg, where International Organ Festival. In nedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., as a guest conductor for the Haydn Orchestra Festival. She also recorded several programs for National Public Radio.

The Rev. Beth A. Schlegel '81 began serving a new congregation. In January, she became the pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in North York, Pa. This is her fifth congregation in nearly 24 years of ministry. She lives in Dallastown, Pa., with her son and two cats.

Mames Follweifer '83 was pro-Reserve. He is serving his fourth active duty tour since 2005 as

Base in Tampa, Fla, In July, he was selected for a promotion to colonel. He was a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve since 2002. Of the 21 lieutenant colonels in the DLA. Follweiler was the only one to be promoted. In 2008, he deployed to Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan as commander of the DLA Support Team and worked with the Joint Logistics Command/Combined foint Task Force 101 to supply wholesale-level logistical supply and distribution support to the Afghanistan theater of operasubsistence (food and water). clothing, tents, textiles, construction supplies and equipment, fuel, medical supplies and repair parts to U.S. and coalition forces. He also supervised the equipment reutilization and hazardous waste disposal programs. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his service. Follweiler's other recent mobilizations include working at the Defense Supply Center in Philadelphia, serving as operations officer in its Command Control Center. In 2005, he was deployed to Camp Arifian in Kuwait as a member of the U.S. Central Command Deployment and Distribution Operations Center, which managed all strategic movements of personnel, equipment and supplies into the Middle East.

# 25TH REUNION

Mary Buckley '85 married Edward McCarthy, Aug. 28, Mary is an intensive case manager with Northeast Counseling Services in Hazleton, Pa. Edward Is the Northeast Behavioral Health Care

Jeff Dentler '85 was recently promoted to senior vice president of SunTrust Bank in Richmond. Va. Jeff manages the Mid-Atlantic Private Wealth Management

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Karli Grant '92 is a product manager at Campus Management Corp., a higher education enterprise resource planning vendor located in Boca Raton, Fla.

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Stacey Clement 94 was promoted to senior vice president as 360 Public Relations, heading the entertainment and electronics practice. She joined the firm in 2005.

Jeremy Weither '94, has been named to the MD Preferred Financial Advisor Network, cial advisors who are specially medical facilities, practice medical facilities, practice

Mid-Atlantic Group with offices in Bichmond, Va.: Washington, D.C.: and Chapel Hill, X.C.; Jeff, his wife, Carol, and their two daughters, Emily and Abigail, live in Bichmond, Va.

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Born to Ion and Kristie Burlak 99 Anderson, twins, Madison Victoria and Brady Michael, on Aug. 1, 2008. The twins join a big brother, Ian. Kristie is an accountant at Karchner, McClellan and Riddell LLP in Hummels Wharf. Pa. They live in Shamokin, Pa.

Born to Tommy '97 and Amy Harmon '99 Dempsey, a son, Tyler Tal, on Aug. 3. He joins big brothers Tommy and Brian, and sister Emily. They live in Langhorne, Pa.

Born to Josef and Suzanne Moore '99 Genda, a daughter, Morgan Danielle, on April 25. She joins big sister Emily, They live in Leland, N.C.

Kimberly Guyer '99 accepted a new position as assistant dean for student affairs at the School of Communications and Theater at Temple University. In this position, she oversees undergraduate student advising, study-away programs and student professional development.

Born to Tim '96 and Kathryn Homsher '99 Marks, a daughter, Anna Kathryn, on March 27 She joins big sister Abigail. Tim teaches in the South Eastern School District and at Wilkes University. They live in Red Lion, Pa.

Jennifer Bradbury '99 Schweikert-daughter, see 1995.

# Alumni Awards: Service

# Robert '59 and Linda Traub '61 Fiscus

Ry Victoria Kidd

Robert '59 and Linda Traub '61 Fiscus share a passion for service. For them, there is no greater good than serving others, a commitment that has earned them this year's Alumni Service Award.

The award is given to alumni who have demonstrated exceptional involvement in their communities or in the Susquehanna University community. Recipients demonstrate unwavering dedication to making a difference through the duration, scope and versatility of their volunteerism.

The Fiscuses model these qualities in their own lives and promote the value of volunteerism among future generations of Susquehanna graduates.

"When we were thinking about a [charitable] designation, service projects appealed to us because we do a lot of that sort of work ourselves," says Bob, a former alumni representative to the Board of Trustees

> The couple has participated in several service trips to the hurricane-rayaged Gulf Coast. Their support of global service projects also took them to Honduras in 2003 and to Ethiopia in 2008.

Bob says he and Linda were pleased to learn about their alma mater's domestic and international service projects. "It's really encouraging to see what the school is doing to get students involved in this work."

They are particularly pleased with the work of Susquehanna's Hurricane Relief Team and SU CASA (Central American Service Adventure) programs. Both programs have received national recognition for their work. Since SU CASA's inception in January 1999, more than 240 members of the Susquehanna University community have served the needs of congregations, agencies and residents of impoverished communities in Nicaragua and Costa Rica. The Hurricane Relief Team program was formed in 2005



Students can experience the SU CASA program thanks to the generosity of Robert '59 and Linda Traub '61 Fiscus.

following Hurricane Katrina to assist with recovery efforts in the Gulf Coast

The Fiscuses decided to focus their philanthropic efforts on programs such as these. The Robert L. and Linda Traub Fiscus Endowment for Service Learning was established to strengthen and support ongoing student service projects and service learning programs that directly engage students in meaningful service to others.

The endowment is funded through the liquidation of a charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT) established in 2002 following Bob's retirement from UI Holdings Corp., formerly United Illuminating, an electric utility company in New Haven, Conn. The couple chose to liquidate the trust because, as Bob says, "We decided to give while we're still living so we can see the fruits of it."

# Alumni Awards: Leadership

# Edward Schmidt '69 By Jennifer Botchie '99

Since receiving his degree from Susquehanna, Edward Schmidt '69 has become a leader in the legal field. A corporate and real estate attorney, Schmidt retired from the Indianapolis, Ind., law firm of King DeVault LLP, where he chaired the tax-exempt and nonprofit organizations practice group and formerly served as a member of the firm's executive committee. He is licensed to practice law in Indiana, Pennsylvania and Michigan, in addition to the United States Supreme Court and several federal district and circuit courts.

He has served his profession and area in other ways as well, sitting on the board of directors of United Student Add Funds Inc. and Lumina Foundation for Education Inc., from which he recently retired. He is a member of several bar associations, including the Indianapolis Bar Association where he has been recognized as a distinguished fellow. He was a Gounder and director of MetroBarn of Indianapolis, and a past director of Orksorados Rehabilitations Gentlers of Indianapolis, Fairbanks Hospital and Title Industry Assurance O. He also served as a member of the board of openernos of the American Land Title Association.

Schmidt previously served as an executive vice president of Sallie Mae Inc. Prior to that, the served as executive vice president, general counsel secretary and member of the board of directors of USA Group Inc., the largest guarantor of student loans in the United States.

With Susquehanna, Schmidt also leads by example as an active alumnus. He is a member of the Board of Trustees and serves on the university's alumni



board for Theta Chi fratemity. In 2003, he and his wife, Donna, established the Edward S. and A. Rita Schmidt Lectureship in Ethics, named for his parents. They also contributed to the athletics internship program.

When he set forth a credit-card challenge—during which he encouraged alumni to give using credit cards by offering to match gifts of up to \$125—he not only put up a \$10,000 donation, but he also with the sudent calling program to lend encouragement, advice and support. "I thought it was a good way to motivate gifts to the annual fund, and it was pretty well received by the student workers and alumnis," Schmidt series."

Schmidt says his reasons for providing leadership and monetary support to his alma mater are simple: "We wanted to give something back to Susquehanna."

Born to Jason '99 and Lane Ameel '01 Shobert, a daughter, Riley Louise, on Nov. 7, 2008. They live in Shillington, Pa.

Corey Troxeli\*99 joined Commonwealth Orthopedic Associates in Reading, Pa. He specializes in sports medicine and general orthopedic surgery.

TOTH REUNION

Born to James and Lauren Basterly '00 Adair, a son, Tyler Rex, on May 15. They live in Pipersville, Pa.

Asson Brock '700 became the director of development for the Missouls Family YMCA in Montana after raising money at Missoula Aging Services for a year. He serves as the board president of Garden City Harvest, a nonprofit organization focusing on sustainable agriculture, education and hunger issues.

Stacy Weston '00 received a dual degree in elementary education and middle school mathematics from Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Va. She is a third-grade teacher with Roanoke City Public Schools in Roanoke, Va.

2001

Danielle Wenger '01 DiNorscia obtained her master's degree in public health with an emphasis in nutrition. She is a clinical dietitian for Kaiser Permanente. Her husband, Mike '01, obtained his commercial real estate license and owns Location Matters Inc. They live in San Diego, Calif.

Born to Brian and Jennifer Manning '01 Mekulski, a daughter, Olivia Elizabeth, on July 30, She joins big sister Isabella. They live in Martinsburg, W.Va.

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# Robert J. Summer '63

in music arts from Indiana University. He taught at

Award from the University of South Fiorida and the Distinguished Community Service Award from the

so beautiful and everyone was so friendly, I decided

As a student. Summer conducted his fraternity in



mough Summer has studied at a number of prestigious universities across the country, he is still a

"I can say without hesitation that I received some

he says. "Susquehanna was a place where I grew up as a person, established life-long friendships, developed as a musician and learned about being a Jen Rock '01 married Shanti Freundlich at Hammonasset State Park in Madison, Conn. They live

Born to Katherine Minton '01

Trumbauer has been at Park land for eight years and, in that time, won the 2007-08 District 11 championship and finished second this year. He plays com petitively on a U.S.Volleyball Association men's team that travels all over the country.

Born to Aaron and Lisa Mangle

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Riley Newcomer '02 Campbell received her master's degree in education from Bloomsburg University in June. She teaches first grade in the Shikellamy School District, Campbell lives in Northumberland, Pa., with her husband, Michael, and son, Graiden.

Melanie Noto '02 Brock completed three years of working as successful re-election campaign and leadership political action the 2008 election. Brock raised funds for the Montana Meth Project and worked as the campaign manager for the mayor of Misson: re-election campaign in I ne, she begin work as the Moniana press secretary for Baucus, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

Evan Dresser '02 joined Choke Design Co, in Harrisburg, Pa., as a copywriter. He previously worked in Bucknell University's communications office.

# 2003

Shannon Baker '03 was pro moted to director of the public relations practice at Gatesman-Marmion Drake Inc. in Pittsbursh. Pa

Born to Jon and Marcie Hoffman '03 Carder, a son, Lucas houthan, turne 13. They live New Cumberland, Pa.

Born to Andrew and Melissa Gutkowski '03 Strohecker, a daughter Josie Mae, on April 13

Maxwell Heller '03 joined HJ Wealth Management, the creator of "The Progression of Wealth" process, a wealth management discipline for high-net-worth families. The trademarked process is the subject of a book written by the firm's principals. In the process of the subject of a book written by the firm's principals. In the process of the principals of the principals of the principals of the principals of the principals. In the principals of the principal of the

Jessica Mikulski '03 receiled a master's degree in health communication from The Johns Hopkins University in May. Mikulski currently works as a senior manager of media and public relations for a health care association in Washington, D.C.

# 2004

The Rev. Kristina House '04 Schaeffer has been called to serve as associate pastor of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Huntington Valley, Pa. She was ordained on Oct. 18.

# STH REUNION

The Rev. Shawn Berkeble 05 has been called to serve a passor of St. John Lutheran Church An bottstown, Pa. He was ordared Aug. 7

The Rev. Becky Rowe '05 Resch has been called to serve as associate pastor of Abiding Presence Lutheran Church. Ewing, N.I. She was ordained on Sept. 13.

Zina Rose '05 is a senior copywriter at a pharmic cutical adventising agency in New York City.

Erin Tipton '05 graduated from the University of Minnesota's College of Veterinary Medicine in St. Paul, Minn., on May 2. She has accepted a position as a smal animal veterinarian at Animal Medical Center of Somerset County Inc., in Somerset, Pa.

# 2006

Mark Anskis '06 was named director of sports information at Swarthmore College.

Gillian Prince '06 nigarled ioseph Szymanski III n Aug. 30, 20:8. In attendance were Susquenanna alumni Matthew Prince '09, Gillians' bother; Jen McIlvaine '06, Brian Richards '06, Emrian Moniz' '04, Adam Rivera' '05, John Terison '07, Evan Shuster' '07, Dana Ward '07 and Chris Polchin '08.

The first annual Philly Kick for the Cure was held on Aug. 8 at FDR Park in Philadelphia Three Susquehanna almont from the Class of 2006—Jennifer Stull in, Trisha Noel and Suzame Picciano—started the fund-raises for cancer research. Twenty-four SU alumni came out to support the cause and play to the kickball tournament. Together they raises more than \$7500. More information can be found at www.philly.

kickfortheure.com. Present at the even were, Nick Horover 76, List Fin Wale Horover 16, List Fin Wale 16, List Fin Wale 17, Nate Glibboney 16, Brit Trumbourer 16, Megan Deitmen 16, Pricismo sellen Mears 16, Pricismo 16, Pricismo 16, Brit Trumbourer 16, List Fin Wales 16, List Fi

Jennifer Siegenthaler '07 is teaching ninth and 12th grade social studies at Penns Valley Area High School.

# 2008

Breanna Bradley '08 and Dave Echelmeier '08 will be married June 11, 2011. Bradley is an admissions counselor at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmisburg. Md., and Echelmeier is a second-grade teacher in the Cumberland Valley School District in Mechanicsburg. Pa. The wedding will be held at St. Plus X Roman Catholic Church in Selinsgrove, Pa.

# 2009

Jamie Malachowski '09 was awarded the National Excellence in Leadership Award by The National Society of Leadership and Success, Sigma Alpha Pi.

Seth Marshal '09 and Rebecca Moore '09 joined the audit department of Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman as staff accountants. The firm is located in Bethesda, Md.

Tara Moylan '09 moved to Tucson, Ariz., for an AmeriCorps job called Arts for All

Claire Polcrack '09 joined Teach for America's 2009 corps. She will teach in Connecticut.

Dan Torie '09 is the new assistant lacrosse coach at Hendrix College in Conway, Ark.

Sarah Warner '09 Joined Teach for America's incoming corps of 4,100 teachers, the largest in the programs' 20-year history. A record 35,000 applications were received for the 2009 corps. War ner will teach in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

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# **Snapshots**

- SU classmates gathered at Carole Sloan-Grebe '67 Pursell's house in Pelican Pointe Golf and Country Club, Venice, Fla., this past spring. Pictured are, left to right: Sandra Chango '67, Vicki Reilly '67, Carol Logan '67 Yusi and Carole Pursell.
- Members of the Class of 1967 reunited in Narragansett, R I., on April 25 Pictured are, left to right: Ellen Comey Bennett, Penney Graham Gustafson and Christine Schichting.
- 3. Frends from the Class of 1974 gathered for the third consecutive year at the Pocono Blues Festual at lack frost Bilg Boulder Slu Area in Blakeslee, Pa. Making the 2009 festival in late July were left to right. Bruce Tumbull, All Upperco, Jerry Zucowski, John Ombelets, Del Kline and Pete Sherman. Jim Ober was not on hand for the photo but insoal by Edinch for the court and for the photo.

- 4. A reunion of best friends from the Class of 1974 took place in July at Smith Mountain Lake in Viriginia. Pictured are, left to right Susan Lang Martin, Joanne Thomas McCard, Ellen Doran Reilly, Susan Zierdt Kirshenbaum, Vicki Freeman Bomberinge, Christine Schmidt Smith, Jeanne Kaufmann Kreiser.
- It's all in the family at a July 11 graduation party held in Norristown, Pa. Pictured are, left to right: Andrew Turner '13, his cousin Richard Pohl '79 and brother Matthew Turner '09.
- Three generations of WQSU summer disc jockeys were back at the microphone last summer. Pictured are, left to right: Becky Bramer '92 Deitrick, Andrew Claycomb and Jim Bramer '64.
- 7. Pictured at Susquehanna's 2009 Commencement are, left to right: Merle Ulsh '55, his grandsons, Dustin '09 and Alex '07; and his son, Eric '84.
- 8. Emily Moniz '04 Rivera graduated in May from Hood College with her Master of Arts degree in American studies. She will pursue a doctorate degree in religious studies at the University of Iowa. Pictured are, left to right: Stephanie Lombaro '05, Emily and Michelle Michityre' 05.

# Alumni Association Names New Officers and At-Large Members

Nine alumni were appointed to executive positions during the annual meeting of the Alumni Association, held during Homecoming Reunion Weekend, Nov. 6–8.

For one-year terms as officers of the Alumni Association: President Jeffrey Moraan '82. of Crownsville. Md.

> First Vice President Keith Costello '73, of Palmyra, Pa.

Second Vice President Tammy Frailey **'92 Sh**earer, of Mechanicsburg, Pa.

For three-year terms as members-at-large to the Alumni Association Executive Board:

Pam Marino '81 Weiss, of Allentown, Pa.
Matt Gilbert '98, of Burlington, Vt.
Phillp Hopko '05, of Bryantown, Md.
Jeffrey Neldert '05, of Lake Huntingdon, N.J.
Jim Dunlop '01, of Gettysburg, Pa.
Gail Mason '70, of Alexandria, Va.











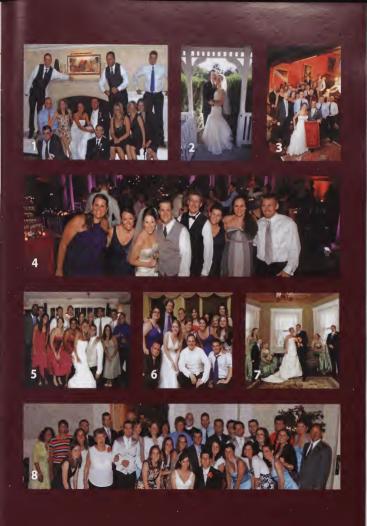






# Wedding Album

- 4. Serah Rutherford '04 married Daniel Barile on July 25 in Ridgewood, N.J. The couple celebrated with 150 of their family and friends, including several SU alumni. '06 '11, Claire Rutherford '11, Andrea Seftzer '04 Okonak and Robby Okonak '04.



# Regional Chapter News



# PHILADELPHIA Philh/Alumni@susqu.@du

4. The Philadelphia Alumni Chapter had a fantastic event at the Phillies game on Sept. 12. A record attendance of 100 alumni mode the event the largest regional chapter gathering to date. The group gathered for a pre-game reception at the High & Inside Pelb on the terrace level of Chitans Bank Parix behind home plate. Krista Lundberg '06, Adam Hess' 06, Edica Wagner '06 are pictured.

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NEW YORK CITY
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1. The New York City Alumni Chapter had an informal social at Capital in the minimal Riverside Park in Aug. 2.2. The view of the marina and sunset over New Yest, you a great settling as alumni from New York City and surrounding areas enjoyed a picture meal and summer drunks.

Congratulations to Kristen Fleming '06, who is the new secretary to the chapter executive board, and to Manssa Gawloski '05, the new career services liaison



# CENTRAL PA

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The Central Pennylvanna Alumin Chapter went out to the ball game in August, gathering at Metro Bank Ballphok forsi Aluriburg Senators game It was a family-frendyl outing—parents brought their children and some "Children" oven brought their parents. Alumin enjoyed bulgars fare in the pinch area and socialized while watching the game from Belacher seaso on the first-base side.

Destination 2013 was held in Harrisburg on Sept. 23. Bryon Majors 10, an elemencary education major who attended Harrisburg High Scholl, shared his Susquetiannaoserience with attendees. Preliden! L. Jay Lumons then spoke abillut the future of the quarterities.

 & 3. Afterward, Lemons spent time talking to the alumni, including Kelly Bugden '02 and Lynn Burke' '03. Chapter members also spent time catching up with each other, including Sue Yenchko '68 and Luke Rohrbaugh P' 1



## VASHINGTON, D.C.

5. The Washington, D.C. Alarmid Chapter attended a Washington Nabonals baseball game on Sept. 2 and gathered for a group photo. Pictured are Chapter with left to right: Ethan Ellenberger 109, EU Manusch 106, Chuck Washinger 16, Margaret Marnik. '88 Smith, Andy Gilbert 106, Mallory Nail 109, Seth Microball 109, Uron row, left to right) Kera Manusch 207. Ericle Gardan 67 and Ann Basert 106.

The chapter has been busy, planning several events for spring 2010. In January, alumni, will welcome the Crusaders to town as the Susquehanna men's livisketbal team takes on Catholic University. In April, the chapter will host a wone to mil. Not here Virginia.

Attending regional chapter events can pay off—just ask RJ Mantaiol, 106 and Daug Boedeker 92. Both attended the Capitalize on You'r ormetions cave networking event, and funds to the connections they made there. Durg, a native at 164 and Tyron CPA, hited RI as a senior auditor. More career networking events are on the horizon in other regions, so stay tuned for you'r mountainty of natively.



### PITTSBURGH PittsburghAlumni@susqu.edu

6. Count with up to the Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter for being recognized as an official regional English the The chapter held its kickoff event with an Oktoberfert at the Hofbrau Buck of Country in Pittsburgh on Oct. 24

The classic equations to loads for volunteers willing to get involved and hulp out. If you are more self, please lead an e-mail to the advises above.













# VEWS &

### Destination 2013 Is Coming to a City Near You

Join President L. Jay Lemons, alumni, current students, parents and friends in a region near you. The events will feature networking opportunities, in addition to information on the future of the university.

Dates of upcoming events include the following

PHILADELPHIA JAN. 27

NEW JERSEY MARCH 23

WASHINGTON, D.C. MARCH 30

NEW ENGLAND APRIL 6

PITTSBURGH TBD

NEW YORK CITY TBD

# New Chapters Coming on Loar

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# In Memoriam

The Rev. Lester J. Karschner · 1915-2009



The Rev. Lester J. Karschner 37 passed away on Nov. 1. Karschner was born on Peb. 18, 1915, in Muncy, Pa. He was the fifth of eight children born to George W. Karschner and his wife, Jennie Biddle Karschner. In 1919, the family moved to a farm near Twin Hills, Pa., located between Muncy and Montourville. After completing his elementary education at the Baxter School, he enrolled at Muncy High School, graduating magna cum Jaude in 1932.

In 1937 he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Susquehanna University and enrolled at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, Pa., where he graduated in 1940 with a Bachelor of Divinity degree and later received a Master of Sacred Theology degree. In 1973, Susquehanna University honored Karschner with the Doctor of Divinity degree in recognition of his exemplary service to the university and his leadership in furthering ecumenical participation and the great causes of the church.

He served on the Susquehanna University Board of Directors for 10 years and chaired the Religious Life Committee. In 1985, Karschner, his wife, Elizabet, son, Richard 765, and daughter-in-law, Grace Simington 764 Karschner, established The Karschner Family Scholarship Pund for Susquehanna students exhibiting academic promise and financial need.

Following his ordination, Karschner served the four churches of the Newry Lutheran Parish from 1940 to 1949, when he became pastor of the Abbottstown-Bast Berlin Parish. He served there until 1963, when he became pastor of Zion Church in Hollidayaburg, Pa. In 1977. Karschner retired and moved to Hanover, Pa. He served as visitation pastor at St. Matthew Lutheran Church until 1991, when the Karschner served to the Lutheran Retirement Village at Kelly Drive in York, Pa.

He was preceded in death by his wife and six of his seven siblings. His sister, Edith Sampsell, lives in Williamsport, Pa. He also is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, in addition to three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Norrine Bailey '68 Spencer died on Sept. 23 at her home in Blacksburg, Va., F. D. Spencer, by her side. She was born

remained a devoted alumna through-Reunion Gift Committee, and her 30th and 35th reunion committees

Following her graduation from Susquehanna, Spencer earned a master's degree from Syracuse University and a doctorate from Virginia Tech. from 1970 through 1982 and at Virginia associate dean of Virginia Tech's Pamplin College of Business through 2004 and undergraduate admissions. Her univer-

Committee. In 2007, she was one of six university administrators and faculty to receive the Advancing Women Award. In 2009, the Pamplin College of Business for Lifetime Achievement in Diversity..." Upon her retirement in 2008, she was

A member of Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, she was on the Session and taught Sunday School. She also chaired the Cooper House Ministry Board for two years. She sang with the Blacksburg Master Chorale, serving as co-president Spencer also was a member of the Board of Planned Parenthood of the Blue Ridge and served as its president in 2006. From 1985 until her retirement, Spencer was American Council on Education Network for Women Leaders, serving as chair for two years. That group honored her in Leadership Seminar Series.

survived by their son. Andrew, his wife,

# **Deaths**

Leila Koons '33 Fisher, Monroe Township, N.J., Dec. 10, 2008. Pisher was a beautician in Selinsgrove, Pa., where she owned Leila's Beauty Salon for many years.

Donald L. Herxold '48, Souderton, Pa., June 15. Herrold received his master's degree from Bucknell University and served in the U.S. Army. He taught mathematics at Souderton High School for 53 years and served as head of the math department, retiring in 1990. He was a former math teacher and baskethall and football coach a Forty Fort High School in Porty Fort, Pa. His service to students also incided works acks advise for the Souderton Class of 1975 and as adviser for the High-Y Tene. Club

Herrold was chosen by the National Science Foundation to spend summers teaching at the University of Floridac-Gainesyille. Michigan State University, Lehigh University, Benchall University and Temple University. He also taught mathematics at Ursinus College in Collegewille, Pa. He served as a regional representative and legislative chair for the Pennsylvanth Association of School Retirese. He is survived by his son, Douglas Herrold '85.

Joseph P. Peyton <sup>1</sup>48, South Ornage, N.J., May S. He was an assistant treasurer at Bankers Trust in New York City from 1955 to 1984. He also worked in the security department at Bloomingdale's Fee treited in February, just after celebrating his 50th anniversary with the company. During World Wet II. Peyton served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a pilot and farst lieutenant on 8-17 and 8-24 bombers. He completed 30 bombling missions over Germany and was awarded the Distinguished Fivinc Cross.

### Virginia Yinger '51 Willke, Austin, Texas, June 19.

Pitank Compton '52, Covington, Ga., Match A. He served in the US Navy during World Wer II. Compton was a saleman for Stone Container and Weyerhaeuser Co. for many years. He was a member of Grose Covenan Preshyerian Church, where he served as an elder for two terms, and was a Mason and member of Scottish Rite. He is aurived by his wife of 80 years, Gaynelle Wagnon' 48 Compton.

Madaline Lease '53 Cook, Millburn, N.J., June 8. She worked at Lord and Taylor depart ment store in Millburn for 23 years, until 1988. She was a member of the Wyoming Presbyterian Church since 1960, and served as a Sunday school teacher and on the board of deacons. She is survived by her husband, Hank Cook '56, daughters Catherine Cook '82 Davis and Cynthia Cook '90 Higgins, sister Barbara Lease '50 Saler and nephew Philip Saler '77.

Jayne Daily'54 Petrit, Cherry Hill, N.J., July 18. She was an educator, eastertainer and author who published books for children and young adults. Petrit fell July 4 while walking her two dogs near her home in Cherry Hill and died from a resulting head injury at the Trauma Center at Cooper University Hospital in Camden.

In 1990, after a 16-year tenching career, she published her fire fixtherable book, Armaing Litands, She laker published blographies of Michaelangle, Jane Goodall, Miray Angelou and the Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and completed a book for young people baot Leonard Bernstein, yet to be published. Petit also Jan published when books about. Weld War II and was working on Forgetter Heroes of Werfel War. II and was working on Forgetter Heroes of Werfel War. II and Part to the Part of the Welf War. II and Part to the Part of the Welf War. II and Part to pealer, also published in England, was A Place to Thild: Thu Stories of Flobourus Recues.

A Time to Fight Back: Thu Storias of Wartine Resistance profiles remarkable young people, including a 12-year-old Belgian who delivered copie of a Resistance nowspaper, a edar Child in Normandy whose message delivey led a downed American airman to siety, a lapanese gid in an internment camp and Bile wilesel, a concentration-camp partivor and Nobel Peace Prize recipient. In a 1996 review, a Philadelphia Inquiere book crite wrote, "All these well-told stories remind us that children are the undescript wiskins of war.

In 1992, she published a fiction book, My Name Is San Ho, about a 12-year-old Vietnamese boy trying to adjust to life in the United States with his mother and Marine stepfather. The boy was inspired by one of her former students. Petiti also wrote The Chef's Palate Cookbook.

For 10 years, Pettit taught fourth and sixth graders in public schools in Woodbury, concurrently earning a master's degree in education from what is now Rowan University. From 1979 to 1986, she taught third grade at St. Peter's School in Society Hill, Pa.

In the early 1970s, she and her husband performed in a musical revue they developed, Flying High on Broadway, at women's clubs in the Philadelphia area.

Nancy Lepley '54 Sassaman, Northumberland, Pa, Aug. 30, Sassaman taught music in public schools following graduation, in Pathor County until 1993, in Dauphin County until 1961, and in Snyder County schools for several years thereafter. Prior to her retirement, she tught at the Northumberland Christian School for 13 years. Sassaman was member of Tintily United Methodist Church, Northumberland, where she was a Sunday school teacher, lay speaker and director of the choir. She also served as the church organtife for many years, playing every Yunday and at weddings and funerals. She is survived by neshew Douglast Leoley '69.

### Harry Kocher '55, May 28.

Clayton E. "Max" Leach '56, Wyomissing Hills, Pa, Oct. 23, in Reading Floopital, West Reading, Pa, Born Oct. 30, 1934, in Selinsgrove, Leach was a son of the late Clayton E. Leach and Blanche Attinger Leach, Pollowing, It is graduation from Susquesham, where he was a member of Theta Chi fraterrity, Leach married Jucian Smith', '54, In 1957, he emiliste in the US. Army, where he served as a special is fifth class until his discharge in 1959.

Leach taught business education for two years at Salisbury Elk-Lick High School in Salisbury, Pa. He was chair of the business education department at Schuylkill Valley High School in Lessport, Pa., where he taught from 1962 until his retirement in 1991.

At Schuylkill Valley, he was a dedicated adviser to the Puture Business Leaders of America, inspiring many young people to excel and achieve their goals. After his retirement from Schuylkill Valley High School, Leach became executive director of the Pennsylvania Future Business Leaders of Amerika, from which he retired in 1998.

He was a member of Advent Lutheren Church in West Lawn, Pa., for 3 years. He served the church in many capacities, including as a member of the choir, the worship and music committee, property committee and congregation council. Leash enjoyed time spent with his loved ones and was an all-around mischief-maker whose sense of humor is fondly remembered by his family and friends.

In addition to his wife, Leach is survived by a son, Clayton E. Leach III '82, and his wife, Leslie; his daughter, Suzanne Leach '84 Magrowski; and two grandsons, Benjamin and Max Magrowski. One brother, John R. Leach '47, a former Susquehanna professor, also survives him. Alice Valsing "56 Frost. Schinggrove, Pa. Ang.
7. Prior to marrying Frederick Prost "56, she was employed by the Pennsylvania Department of Property and Supplies in Harrisburg, Pa., and the National Security Agency in Washington, D.C. She was a member of St. Mambokin Dam, Pa.; a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 222; in Selinggrove; and a member of the Suquehanna University Women's Auxiliary, She is survived by her bushand and non. Scott Frost "84.

Sean Deliber '69, It' 01. Philadelphia, Aug. 19. Deliber was one of Philadelphia's most charismatic chorul conductors in the 1980s. At his peak, he led two chorul groups that helped found—Music Group of Philadelphia, beginning in 1978, and Chorul Arts Society, beginning in 1978, and Chorul Arts Society, beginning in 1982—while also treathing at the University of the Arts. He frequently prepared chorul arts singers for high-profile recordings with the Philadelphia Orchestra under Riccardo Musi.

His work with the smaller Music Group, which he headed at the time of his death, included commissioning works from local composers such as Andres Clearfield and Margurer Garwood. In the 1980s, he frequently conducted musicians from the Philadelphia Orchestra in concerts to raise awareness about nuclear disarmament. "He had this amazing impact on people. He had many devoteres" said Donald Nally, who took over the Chorol Art's Society offer Debler denarted in 1997.

Contract in Hougary led to Gitther education at Budgereth Prunz Lista Acidemy and Kodaly institute, where the also was a faculty member. He golde fluent Hungartan, German, Italian and Ferneh, Durang allose years, he eggularly sang in choral performances of Mozart and Haydra at the finous Mathias Church, Years later in 1989, he brought Music Groups to the Goldit sativitue, where he performed works by the modern Swiss composer Frank Martin.

He also served as guest conductor of the Slo vak.Philharmonic and Warsaw Philharmonic, touring with the latter ensemble alongside Vaughan Williams' Sea Symphony.

Ronald P. Schnee '63, Danville, Pa., Sept. 26 2008. Schnee was a bar manager at the Pine Barn Inn in Danville for a number of years. He also served his country in the U.S. Navy.

E. Lance Cave '65, Narbeth, Pa., July 10.
He retired last year from a 29-year career
leaching science at Episcopal Academy.

Harold Freed '66, Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 11.

Melody EIII '72 Dischenko, Arlington, Va., july 20. Dischenko life was cut short at the age of 58 by Inpoemble cancer. She is survived by two children, Melinda and Brandyn Dischenko, he prother, Melyhr Ellin, bis wife and their two children. Dischenko was a practicing sprintuist minister and counselor with the Institute for Sprintual Development in Washington, D.C., for more than 20 years. The institute celebrated her life with a memorial service, attended by more than 200 people. Her loving strength, empathetic heart and philanthosis works are remembered fondly.

Diachenko was a wonderfully supportive and extended to be two while the properties of the properties o

Lamar Loss '72, Mifflinburg, Pa., July 19. Loss was a respected salesman in the modular housing industry and represented Universal Suppliers and H.P.L. both of Selinsgrove, Pa., and Legacy Building Products in Mifflinburg.

Jane Allan '72 Sullivan, Middleburg, Pa.
Now, 7, 2008. Kuliwan tetneded susquehama
University part-dime while raising her young
children. She earned her teaching degree In
1972 and taught in the Sellusgrove School
District for nearly 25 years before setting in
1997. Pollowing retirement, she volunteered
courtless piouse of her time at the Mutard
Seed and the Old Herman's School House In
Sellusgrove, Pa, Bhe also served as treasurer of
the Pennylyanth State Bohoastion Association
and Relay for II fa, a wirel as numerous local
chartable organizations und fund -raisers. Sullusan generous's continues as an organ donor.

Deborah Bechtel "74 Britz, Berwyn, Pa., Jan. 1. Fritz worked as a community counselor at Upper Merion Area Middle School (UMAMS) in King of Prussia, Pa. She was a member and former deacon at Wayne Prashyterian Church, and volunteered for Martin's Dam Swim Club in Wayne, Pa., and Community of Caring at UMAMS.

# **End Notes**

# Curiosity: Must It Fade With Age? By Paul D. Coleman '40



Currosity, the desire to know, which leads to inquiry and investigation, is a natural-born trait. It is always a treat for me to see a baby in the crib reacting to a new toy or situation. However, in my experience, the word "curlosity" is not used frequently in conversations these days, especially among my senior friends. Currosity has helped me

in my education and my research career in physics. I have not made a textbook search of the subject as I was taught to do, so my view may not be in agreement with well-established principles on curiosity. But at 91 years old, I still like to talk.

First of all, I believe Susquehanna Currents readers would agree that an education is important. History has shown us that great nations of the past, such as Greece, Rome and Great Britain, had an educated population with great scholars Nevertheless, I believe that curiosity can and does play an equally important role in one's pursuit of Knowledge.

Formal education is not easily obtained. It requires dedication, hard work, incentives, encouragement, finances and opportunities. In short, an education is a challenge; otherwise wed all be Nobel Prize winners. My main objective for seeking an education was to be able to use and contribute to new knowledge in my profession. But curiosity was the greatest help to me in generating new ideas in science and engineering.

In the field of physics, time is known as the curious dimension. Pamous tales describe Archimedes theorizing about density and volume while taking a bath, and Sir Issac Newton conceiving the laws of gravity while sitting under an apple tree. Yet 10 not believe curiosity is simply a wandering mind straying in thought that stumbles upon great scientific principles. Rather, it is a purposeful act—a conscious decision to learn and contribute to the body of knowledge on a subject.

While my main interests are in physics, chemistry and matt today's economic situation and world affairs obviously get my attention. I have always been interested in the how and-why, and many of our government's programs are curiosities to me. I always feel I need to know more, because curiosity adds a second conscience. My friends are almost all senior citizens between 70 and 90 years old. At the weekly meetings of the clubs to which I belong, I have the opportunity to be a gatekeeper and suggest topics for discussion. As a lifelong teacher, I like to ask questions. While my friends have all heard of such things as energy, nuclear threats and electricity, they all respond negatively to any science problem I volunteer to explain, even without

Here is an example: The Lions Club has for years had a commitment to helping people with visual and hearing impairments. We talk about improving "sight and sound." I asked recently whether I might do a presentation on how the eye works, taking light and guiding it through the retina, which functions as an organic solar cell, a frequency transformer of sorts that then distributes it to the optic nerve.

I thought this could be informative and interesting for the group. Sadly, they believe that, at their age, they no longer need to know. They have lost their curiosity and wonder, and stopped learning.

Modern medical advice says to exercise both your mind and body. To me, learning is a lifelong endeavor. Use it or lose it. (Besides, it's difficult to compete with someone who can think.)

Yet all things in this world appear to have limits. Currosity is no exception. It needs to be tempered with common sense. If you wonder whether it will hurt to butt your head against a stone wall, common sense will come to your aid. I respect a person with common sense as much as I do many people with Ph.D.s. Unfortunately, common sense is almost never taught in schools and universities. How refreshing it is to witness those rare occasions when educators pique students' curvoisty while at the same time giving them a healthy dose of common sense.

Eleanor Roosevelt said, "Life was meant to be lived, and curiosity must be kept alive. One must never, for whatever reason, turn his back on life."

I wish all in the Susquehanna University community health, happiness, a great family, career and friends, and a life full of curiosity.

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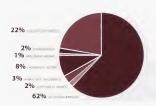
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- The university borrowed \$30 million in fixed-rate debt, which partially financed three new residence halls and the new science building. Debt increased accordingly.
- 3. The construction of the residence halls and the science building markedly increased the value of our property, plant and equipment.
- 4. The university experienced increased enrollment and robust operations, producing a \$1.7 million operating margin.
- 5. Philanthropy continued to bolster our institution in a very meaningful way.

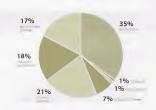
Since June 30, the endowment has rebounded, gaining approximately \$11 million, increasing from \$84 million to approximately \$95 million as of Dec. 2. The university continues to remain well within all of its debt covenant requirements, and operations continue to post strong results because of enrollment growth.

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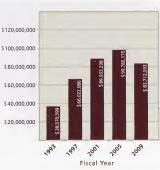


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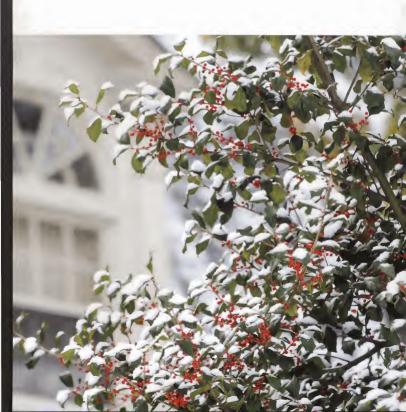
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# The First Word

By L. Jay Lemons, President



Over the last year or more, prompted in part by the difficult economy, much has been written about the value and relevance of higher education, especially a liberal arts education. It's no secret that when the job market suffers, questions are raised about the appropriate balance between developing intellectual skills. Both are obviously important.

Our mission is to provide students an opportunity to explore their interests and to help them develop the intellectual skills that are at the

heart of a rigorous Hiseral arts curriculum. A liberal arts education provides both breachth and depth within and across disciplines. This grounding in the liberal arts is central to every major at Susquehanna. The liberal arts are t i meless and endure because they are, as noted in the Valæ Report of 1828, "the discipline and furniture of the mind" giving students the knowledge and ability to develop a set of intellectual skills to prepare therm for a changing world.

Susquehanna has provided an outstanding education for more than 150 years, but our world is changing at warp speed. When our faculty began a once-in-a-ge neration curriculium review four years ago, they based their work not-only on our own judgments about what Susquehanna graduates need to know, value and be able to do to be successful, but also on emerging trends in the educational and cultural landscape.

With our own organic work here, and with an eye toward the prerequisites for creating citizen leaders in an increasingly interconnected world, our faculty produced a curriculum that has helped to ensure that the education we offer remains relevant and challenging. In other words, it will fuilfill the goal of producing graduates who acquire knowledge and skills that are a once stimulating and useful.

By asking what they wanted their students to know when they graduated, our foat I y arrived at a consensus of four main learning goals an awareness of the creative, natural, societal and cultural forces that shape the world; an integrated set of intellectual skills a mature understanding of sel f; and an integrated sense of personal and ethical responsibility. Every course in the new Central Curriculum must fulfill one or more of these clearning goals.

I was struck by the happy alignment of the goals of the Central Curriculum and the needs articulated by business leaders in a recent report. In January the Association of American Colleges and Universities released the results of a survey of more than 300 employers that suggested learning should be clustered around the following:

- Knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world.
- Intellectual and practical skills, such as the ability to communicate effectively.
- Personal and social responsibility, including an understanding of the importance of ethical decision-making and civic engagement.
- Learning that supports the ability to apply knowledge and skills to real-world settings through internships and other hands-on experiences.

Employers also told AAC&U that they expect students will complete a significant project before graduation; at Sasquehanna, we call these projects capstone experiences. Employers expect students will complete an internship or a corn runnity-based field project; Susquehanna offers students multiple opportunities for internships on and off campus. And employers expect students to develop research skills at Susquehanna, students work (closely with faculty on their research, and opportunities for student research will improve with the opening of our new science buildine.

Two other employer expectations—that students will understand what it means to act chically and to demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultural viewpoints—are core to our mission. The Central Curriculum requires students to take an ethics course, and our new GO (Global Opportunities) program requires students to have an off-campus experience in a different cultural setting for two weeks or longer.

Our work continues to evolve as new courses and study-away opportantities populate the curric fullum. We expect that interest in the exciting academic work we are closing here will grow and that the greatest beneficiaries of that work will be our students. It is a rich journey, and we look forward to the twists and turns we know it will take as Sasquchama positions itself on the leading edge of curricular innovation in the literal arts. While there are exciting new dimensions in our new Central Curriculum, it cont tinues to be anchored in the timeless and enduring tradition of the liberal arts as expressed by the informed wisdom of the Susquehaman fac ulty. I am proud of their work, and 1 know our students are the fortunate recipients.



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# Taking BigPharma

# Where Corporate Excess Meets Medical Ethics

By Gerald S. Cohen

IT'S 9. AM. AT CHILDERN'S HOSPITAL IN SEATTLE, time for medical rounds. A gaggle of young medical interns and residents moves quickly down the halls, accompanied by a senior resident and the attending physician—the staff physician who ultimately is responsible for the patient's care.

Outside one room, a bleary-eyed intern nearing her 30th hour on call describes her patient's condition. The mother of the patient stands nearby with her arms folded across her chest. She's visibly upset and trying to follow the conversation through a Russian interpreter. But in any language, the words—mostly acronyms and references to mysterious procedures—are impossible to understand. She asks a few questions, "How long will she be here? I need to know your plans for later, down the road." The responses do not satisfy her. In exasperation, she challenges the intern. The intern responds carefully, but with obvious disconfiort as the attending physician watches but says little.

At another stop, the students are met by a mother and father who have spent the night in a hospital room outfitted with a sofa bed. Their infant's fever has spiked at 105, and she's experiencing seizures. The attending tries to be reassuring. "When should I be worried?" the mother asks. "If he's struggling, if he has trouble eating," the attending answers. "We'll watch him through the morning."

The rounds continue like this for another two hours. Thanks to ER, House and a host of other television hospital dramas, the scenes feel familiar, even banal. And yet the whole thing is a bit unsettling. It's easy to forget that these young doctors are often talking about life and death. This is, after all, terribly serious business.



Branden Pfefferkorn '02 is one of these young doctors. He has four years of medical school under his belt, has earned a master's degree in public health and is now in his first year of at threeyear residency in family medicine. He owes \$200,000 in student debt for his undergraduate and graduate school education, and he is just now beginning to taste the fruits of deferred grafification.

Pfefferkorn understands the importance of his work, and he gets that he's now considered a member of the privileged class. People treat him differently; they know he has the power to heal. Yet he has more than an inkling that there's something wrong with health care in the United States, how it is administered, its costs and, yes, how young doctors are educated.

IN MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, prescription drugs and health care are considered entitlements and are often heavily subsidized or covered outright by the government. In the United States, health costs are borne by individuals, employers and sometimes the government, and they continue to rise at unsustainable rates. Increasingly the cost of staying healthy is becoming a burden, even for the middle class.

Pfefferkorn was first sensitized to issues of access and affordability when he began working as a pharmacy technician. It was a part-time job he took while a student at Susquehanna, where he majored in biology. 'I saw people talking about splitting medications with spouses and not taking medications, or coming up to the counter with three prescriptions and deciding to fill only one of them.''

In his first year of medical school, Pfefferkom found himself influenced not only by his experiences at the prescription counter, but also by the bombardment of freebies from pharmaceutical companies trying to curry favor with him, his classmates and his instructors. Sometimes the gifts were small and sometimes they were significant. Early on, he remembers receiving an eye chart printed on a card that prominently displayed the names of a prescription

eye drop and its manufacturer. When he asked his instructor if it was necessary to distribute what Pfefferkorn regarded as advertisements, the instructor became annoyed. "This is an educational tool and it helps us provide basic care—that was the way it was rationalized." Pfefferkorn recalls.

Trusts says the pharmaceutical industry spends about S30 billion a year on marketing, the majority of which is spent on direct marketing to physicians in the form of free gifts ranging from pens and meals to continuing education classes and lucrative speaking engagements. Published studies also show that

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Later in his training, he worked at a rural medical clinic in Wisconsin. Every day at lunchtime a catering truck would pull up to the clinic, and the driver would unload provisions for a buffet. The staff and 15 family physicians who worked at the clinic and at the nearby 40-bed hospital would help themselves to the meals, all sponsored by pharmaceutical manufacturers.

At another rotation in Milwaukee, Pfefferkorn says the clinical staff would participate every Thursday in continuing education luncheons. These, too, were sponsored by Big Pharma. One day his clerkship director, the person in charge of educating students at the site, specifically invited him to the lunch. "I said, "That's OK, I brought my own Lunch." She just let It pass, but occasionally people would say. 'So you don't take drug lunches."

Pfefferkorn says these encounters sometimes create uncomfortable moments for students who question the status quo. And the encounters become even more pronounced once students enter practice. The Pew Charitable

the industry distributes \$18 billion a year in free drug samples, and a substantial portion of these are used by physicians, their families and staff.

The marketing costs for these freebies are passed on to consumers. the ones Pfefferkorn witnessed splitting medications or declining to buy them because they were unaffordable. When he put two and two together, he looked for a way to make a difference. He joined the American Medical School Association (AMSA), a 50-year-old professional association with 68,000 members, and got hooked into a project called PharmFree. That first step ultimately led him to work that won him national recognition this year from the American Public Health Association (APHA) for "challenging traditional public health policy or practice in a creative and positive way."

IN 2002, AMSA CREATED the PharmFree campaign to prevent the pharmaceutical industry from unduly influencing medical education and clinical practice. Charging that pharmas were partially

responsible for driving up medical cost s. it cited this research finding: Since 1985, only 2 percent of drugs approved for market use were found to provide an important therapeutic innovation. compared with the more than 90 percent that did not appear to offer any real benefit over already available drugs. In its literature, AMSA said, "Physicians should not seek education from industry marketing efforts, whether they are in the form of advertisements, sales pitches from representatives or sponsored lectures by paid physicians." AMSA's other PharmFree campaign goal was to promote increased patient access to medicines in the developing world.

To begin creating professional space between pharmas and medical schools. AMSA banned pharmaceutical advertising and sponsorships at regional and national conferences, in its magazine and on its Web site. It published newsleters, fact sheets and ethics primers all with the goal of helping medical students make well-informed decisions on widence-based medicine. And it staged high-impact demonstrations. In 2005, it sponsored a "pen drop" and dumped thousands of pharma-branded pens and paraphernal ia outside of the headquarters of a major pharmaceutical firm.

Soon, "PharmFree Liberated" stickers began appearing on medical campuses, Pfefferkorn became active on his medical school campus at the University of Wisconsin. He breathed life into a dormant AMSA chapter and helped assemble brownbag luncheons and speaker panels. "In my first year it was just an interest, but it became more and more of a passion," he says. "I started getting e-mails from other students, and people began stopping me in the hall for what I began to call ethical consults. They would say, 'I encountered this situation; what do you think?' I didn't know quite how to deal with many of these issues myself; it wasn't something I had read about or understood."

Without the ethical foundation one would expect a professional school to provide, Pfefferkorn says he and his colleagues struggled to make sense of a welter of issues, including the correctness of attending dinners sponsored by



Seeing the influence pharmaceutical companies have on medical students and instructors, Dr. Brandon Pfefferkom '02 immersed himself in AMSA's PharmFree campaign and directed its 2009 scorecard project.



Pfefferkorn examines a patient at Children's Hospital in Seattle, where he is performing his residency in family medicine.

Big Pharma. "From day one in medical school you are told how important you are, how smart you are and what a great job you are doing. And you get to the point where you say, "Well, I deserve a dinner, I'm working hard. Why shouldn't I go and learn something, relax and have a bottle of wine?"

As the PharmFree campaign became more sophisticated. Pfefferkorn became more involved in its work. In 2006, the organization launched a national survey of medical schools to determine if they had policies to limit the influence of pharmas and the medical device industry. The result was AMSA's PharmFree Scorecard, which graded U.S. medical schools on a scale of A to F. Scores were based on the existence of ethics and conflict-of-interest courses in the curriculum, as well as schools' policies on accepting gifts and meals from the industry, disclosing consulting relationships, accepting free drug samples, allowing industry-funded speaking relationships, exposing medical staff to industry sales representatives and other potential areas of concern.

The scorecard received national publicity. In 2008, strictly through peer pressure, the project was able to attract the participation of most of the nation's 150 medical schools, only 21 of which received a grade of A or B. Sixty received a failing grade. Summarizing the findings, The New York Times wrote, "Most medical schools in the United States fail to police adequately the money, gifts and free drug samples that pharmaceutical companies routinely shower on doctors and trainees."

Pfefferkorn became the director of the 2009 national scorecard project while he was earning a master's degree in public health. It was a monumental task. Although he had a staff responsible for doing the actual grading, it fell solely on him to respond to the queries from all the participants. "The day before the first deadline, I received 90 e-mails," he recalls. "Many were just submissions, but many had detailed questions about methodology, grades, etc. There were a handful of schools that felt they deserved an A no matter what. Often we had to agree to disagree. Nobody really seemed to understand that it wasn't me who was grading."

The impact of the scorecard has exceeded anyone's expectations. About 85 percent of the schools participated

in the last survey, up from 60 to 70 percent in the first years. It also helped shape the congressional debate on health care reform. Sen. Charles Grassley of lowa, the ranking Republican on the Finance Committee, waged an all-out war last year on pharmas and device manufacturers. "I saw a great picture of our scorecard map in Grassley's office," Pfefferkorn says. "That was a wonderful moment."

Grassley's investigation rode a wave of public resentment over pharmaceutical costs. He uncovered more than \$4 million in industry payments to three Harvard University psychiatrists who had promoted antipsychotic medicines for children, and disclosed Pfizer payments to at least 149 faculty members at Harvard Medical School. He investigated \$800,000 in unreported payments from GlaxoSmithKline to the chair of Emory University's psychology department; charged that a prominent cardiologist affiliated with Columbia University Medical Center failed to report millions of dollars in pharma income: and hunted down some of the nation's most influential advocacy associations. including the National Alliance on Mental Illness, that coordinated lobbying campaigns with drug makers.

Grassley and Wisconsin Sen. Herb Kohl, a Democrat from Wisconsin, introduced a bill last year that requires pharmas and device manufacturers to disclose what they give to doctors in gifts, honoraria, travel and other items of cash value. The so-called Physician Payments Sunshine Act was folded into the House and Senate health care reform measures approved and amended by Congress. Grassley, who came under intense pressure last summer in his conservative home state, ultimately became a leading voice against the health reform measures.

Overall, the industry has essentially been given a pass in the health reform debate. A recent report from the Sunlight Foundation, a nonpartisan government watchdog group, suggests why. According to the report's author, Paul Blumenthal, the pharmaceutical industry worked secretly with the White House last year to inoculate itself from

serious regulation by agreeing to spend more than \$100 million in advertising to support health care reform.

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In addition to his work on the scorecard, Pfefferkorn also received plaudits from the American Public Health Association for his efforts to force Abbott Laboratories to reverse its withdrawal of the drug Zemplar from the Thailand market. Zemplar, used to treat chronic kidney disease, was developed by a University of Wisconsin researcher. The university's technology transfer arm, Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF), then licensed Abbot to produce the drug

Pfefferkorn, through his association with AMSA, was contacted in 2007 by Universities Allied for Essential Medicines, a nonprofit association founded by medical, law and other students to ensure that university research is used to benefit populations in need. The association said Abbott had withdrawn seven of its medications from the Thailand market, including Zemplar, in retaliation for the country's decision to essentially allow the licensing of generic equivalents of several very expensive HIV, cancer and heart disease drugs. One of the drugs was Abbott's.

WARF resisted pressure from Pfefferkorn. AMSA and the researcher

who developed the drug, refusing to denounce Abbott in any way. It publicly described the pharma as "a good friend of WARF and the university, particularly in the hiring of UW graduates." A week after WARF rejected the entreaties, Pfefferkorn received seven e-mails from Thai citizens who expressed their thanks and concerns after reading about the effort in their local newspaper.

"In our initial campaign we went all the way to the chancellor," Pfefferkorn says. "In the fall we came back at it. We had a poster campaign, and I gave a couple of presentations. From the time WARF said no. it was our job to make sure everyone knew they said no." The campaign to make the withdrawn drugs available to Thais attracted attention from the Boston Globe, the Chronicle of Higher Education and others. Pfefferkorn later presented his findings to the APHA. But ultimately the drive was unsuccessful. "We had pressure from the Universities Allied for Essential Medicines to be aggressive and assertive," Pfefferkorn says. "We felt like that was not the way to do things in the Midwest. Maybe we should have been more aggressive."

Peeferkorn does not look or sound like a firebrand. He is soft-spoken, engaging and unassuming. But his idealism is strong, his ethics unfailing. He says the emphasis on ethics at Susquehanna, now a keystone of the Central Curriculum, helped shape him.

"I am still trying to respond to the challenge that Dr. Simona Hill laid out in a seminar I took during my junior year on The Cultural Roles of African-American Women. She stated explicitly in her syllabus that she wanted to make us 'agents of change in a predominantly white world,' I think of Dr. Hill anytime I am told that something is unchangeable."

Recalling Pfefferkorn, Hill, a professor of sociology, says, "I prayed when he was an undergraduate that he would not lose his edge. I'm just so amazed that he still has the enthusiasm."

Pfefferkorn also says having the opportunity at Susqueha nna to pursue whatever struck his fancy prepared him well. "My time at Susque hanna provided me with a broad-based, liberal arts education that challenged me to think outside my chosen field of biology." He participated in an assistantship at the Writers Institute, wrote for The Crusader, started an essay magazine, played in the symphonic band, was a member of the Honors Program and designed a seminar on Centralia with biology professor Peggy Peeler.

Kate Hastings, associate professor of communications, who is the faculty adviser for The Crusader, says that she recruited Pfefferkorn to be online editor of the newspaper. "Every once in a while you get a person who is so mature and comfortable in his own skin. Branden came to us as a great student and a great person, and we just didn't wreck him."

What's ahead for Pfefferkorn is family medicine. But he also warnts to put his public health degree to use. He splits his time now between a hospital setting and a federally supported health clinic in Seattle that serves primarily an American Indian and low-income population. He believes that as a physician he can make a difference one patient at a time, but in the field of public health he can make systemic changes that affect whole communities. That's where his heart is. -

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# MOTIVATING STUDENTS TO TAKE A ST

Activism has many faces. The most familiar are distinctly, viscerally human: a Kent State student's look of agony as she kneels by her fallen comrade; the stoic visages of Gandhi and Mandela. Artists committed to protest show not their own faces, but those of their subjects. Norman Rockwell, so often associated with illustrations of freckle-faced farm boys and other representations of Americana, addressed racial strife in Little Rock, Ark., by painting a black girl in a white dress being escorted to school by U.S. Marshals, an image forever burned into the national consciousness.

> Protest by artistic, original thinkers can also be subtle. When the painter James McNeill Whistler was a cadet at West Point, he was assigned to draw a bridge in an engineering class. His inclusion of two boys fishing from the bridge displeased the instructor, who ordered him to draw it again without the young fishermen. Whistler did as he was instructed, but unwilling to completely stifle his artistry, he drew the boys fishing from the riverbank. Told he would still not receive a passing grade, Whistler handed in the drawing one more time, without the boys in the picture. But on the riverbank, as

monuments to the death of creativity, stood two little headstones.

At Susquehanna University, faculty and students are engaged in the arts as an expression of activism. One faculty member is a painter who, like Whistler, has been censored. Others are exploring environmentalism, protest and social movements through film, literature, music and theatre. Students inspired by such teaching are using various media to tackle the issues that speak to them. Following are the stories of Susquehanna faculty and students engaged in these pursuits.

For Assessmi Processors or Air Ann Press, the chance meeting of her paintings and a Girl Scout troop led to a familiar situation for many artists: She was censored. In 2003, her solo exhibition at the Wichita Center for the Arts included two pieces showing bare breasts and implied sexual activity. Piper works primarily in portraiture, depicting human figures in poses that suggest a story. As a feminist, she often paints women in situations that balance subjugation with strength. One can speculate that the young girls, perhaps encountering serious, adult at for the first time, gazed with wonder upon the paintings. The troop leader, however, was unambiguous in her response. Her complaint led to the removal of the paintings.

A year later, Piper submitted 14 pieces for a show at the Museum and Art Center in Roswell, N.M. Seven of these portrayed people with breathing apparatuses, an emotionally charged motif generated by the recent death of Piper's father from emphysema. They were rejected by a newly appointed art director, who feared that the images might be associated with terrorism.

"It felt like a personal attack," says Piper, "and I had no recourse other than to turn inward, to express my outrage through art." The result was a painting entitled Censored #1, a nose-to-bellybutton nude whose breasts are hidden behind a string of cutout dolls held aloft by the figure in the painting. "The dolls are androgynous and anonymous," says Piper. "They represent the faceless people I couldn't confront, yet who controlled what the public saw of my work."

teach—and professors who mold teaching into an art—have the unique opportunity to lead a rebellion not only in the gallery or the concert hall, but in the classroom.

For Kate Hastings, associate professor of communications and director of the Film Studies program, the rebellion is gentle and quiet, in keeping with her Quaker heritage. She screens subtle, nonlinear films that, in the words of one perplexed student, are "like two hours of watching the snow fall." Hastings is delighted by such a comment, understanding that it heralds the opening of a mind to the possibility that a film can be more than car chases and gunfre. She moves her students toward silence, a Gandhi-esque activism borne out of her observances in the Religious Society of Friends, wherein practitioners mutely renew their spiritual resources while contemplating God's creation. The cause to which she applies this movement is, logically, the environment.

Hastings is a true nature lover. She has been a trail maintenace coordinator for Pennsylvania's Mid State Trail, has traveled widely for the sole purpose of hiking, and is an avid birder who keeps a "life list" that records every first sighting, whether a common sparrow or a rare shorebird strayed from its arctic realm. She considers it her mission to generate in her students an enthusiasm for the outdoors.

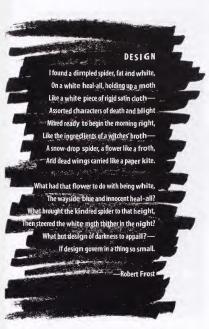
"Hey, you're in the middle of Pennsylvania," she tells her freshman orientation class. "Explore it." To this end, she provides them with maps of local hiking trails. In the spring



Associate Professor of Communications Catherine Hastings Invokes a quiet activism in her passion for preserving open spaces such as those found along the Susquehanna River.

FERNEN NOVELIST, ART HISTORIAN AND STATESMAN ANDER MALERAUX SAID that all art is a revolt against man's fate. An artist may feel the juggernaut of fate at a personal level, through censorship or prejudice, or in a broader sense, by observing social injustice or the destruction of ecosystems. Artists who also

she will offer students a weekend retreat in a bucolic setting overlooking the Susquehanna River. "I want them to be in nature," she says, "to listen and to observe." By doing so, she hopes they will come to share her passion for the preservation of open spaces.



DREW HUBBELL, associate professor and chair of the Department of English and Creative Writing, also worries about spaces—both urban and rural—that give shelter to human beings but are under the control of corporations and powerful interest groups indifferent to pollution. He lectures about the interconnectedness of all things and uses literature to illustrate the point. Whether from Robert Frost's poem Design, describing the fateful meeting of a white moth and a white spider upon a white flower, or Ogaga flowodo's The Oll Lamp, which links an audience of Western consumers with the plight of the tribes in the Niger Delta, Hubbell's students become well aware that everything is connected. Some are inspired to turn awareness into activism, volunteering for

organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, or interning at Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs such as Sweet Meriam's Farm in Beaver Springs, Pa.

The classroom is an alembic in which students of the arts learn about not only truth and beauty, form and technique, but also social consciousness and activism. "So much depends on the approach," says Erik Viker, associate professor of theatre. "When I teach August Wilson's Fences, I focus on the characters as human beings, Wilson doen't hit you over the head with the theme of racial prejudice. Once you've empathized with the family members, you can appreciate the injustices they've had to endure."

When lecturing about music and politics, Associate Professor of Music Parick Long embraces the negative. "Songs of protest and outrage get the job done," he says. "Whenever music is used in favor of a political position, it sounds like propaganda to me." To drive home his point, Long gives students examples of classical music used to promote fascism and other destructive political movements. "Three of the worst mass murderers in the 20th entury—Hitler, Stalin, and Mao—misused classical music to create an aura of greatness for themselves. It's sickening to think of Beethoven's Ode to Joy being played at Nazi rallies, but it was:

Internet or Yacha Trachines, Susquehanna students and alumni have used their chosen art forms to make bold statements about social and political concerns. Last year, theatre and sociology major Daria Spangler '10 wrote The Many, a oneact play in which five anonymous characters present monologues addressing fallacies about sexual abuse. Spangler was spurred to write the play after an internship with the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN). She gave each character an archetypal name. "Male" speaks of his ordeal as a rape victim, underscoring the misconception that only women are thusly abused. "Sitt" addresses the streetype of the woman who brings violence upon herself by provocative dress or behavior. And "Nine" is the name given to a girl who suffered humilitation from a voveur in her own family.

In a theory class, journalism major Kelly Stemcosky '11 was challenged to think of a way to improve communication among students on campus. This led to a video club, postings on YouTube, and finally a student-run TV station, which she now produces. SUTV provides entertainment, but also airs debates about current issues such as health care. A proponent of women's rights, Stemcosky also assisted with the 2008 production of The Vagina Monologues, the proceeds from which were given to Susquehanna Valley Women in Transition.

Billie Tadros '10, a creative writing and music major, wrote the musical Fresh Ground, performed on campus in April 2009 as part of the Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) Colloquium. The play is about three lesbians who open a coffee shop in Selinsgrove, and the ways in which a conservative

community responds to gay and lesbian issues, toward which Tadros felt the community had turned a blind eye.

She was pleased to learn that her play generated controversy and discussion within local Christian groups. Raised in a conservative Catholic family, she has thrown herself a one-man opera for bass baritone voice, amplified chamber ensemble and the taped interviews he did with the service men and women. The singer hums a tune throughout the piece but at the end bursts into a clear song, symbolizing the voice discovered by the soldiers who remained silent about their experiences for so long.



Student actresses perform in Fresh Ground, senior Billie Tadros' play about gay and lesbian issues in a conservative small town.

into the cause of sexual equality, participating in marches in Washington, D.C., and the Pennsylvania state capital. Tadros is applying to graduate school and hopes to write poetry and music that will continue the fight.

Perplexed by the notion of necessary wolence, **David T**. Little '01 grew up highly critical of military action. In his chilldhood and early adolescence, Little had difficulty understanding how someone could serve in the military. As he matured, he became conflicted by his loathing of War and his feelings for the people who served in the military, including three generations of his family and several of his high school friends. A talented musician and composer, he set out to create a piece that addressed these feelings.

"I wanted to write music that deconstructs what military service—and war—does to those who have to carry it out most directly," he says. "It's about the struggle that comes from having been in the military."

Little Interviewed veterans from four wars, including an Arabic linguist kicked out of the U.S. Army for being gay, his uncle who fought in Vietnam, his stepfather who did military intelligence in Italy during the 1960s, and his grandfather, a front command clerk in World Warll whose duties included the compilation of casualty lists—a position that kept him out of the fighting but very much aware of its horrifying results. Little littled the work Soldier Songs and staged it as



Musician and composer David Little '01 explores his conflicting feelings about military service in Soldier Songs.

As a GAY MAN RASED IN THE SHADOW of South Africa's apartheid, Assistant Professor of English and Creative Writing Glen Retief has spent a significant part of his life fighting injustice. A somewhat sheltered youth from a loving and protective family, he was sent to a boarding school at the age of 12 and fell under the tyranny of a sadistic older boy named John, a prefect who created a "Jack Bank"—"Jack" being South African slang for a beating. "Each student was invited to voluntarily deposit beatings in an account book." Retief explains. "Here, these thrashings, usually administered upon the bare buttocks with a cricket bat, could earn interest and later be withdrawn when the student oct into trouble."

Although John was eventually transferred to another hall, the torment he meted out had a profound effect on Retief, who, having surrendered to Stockholm syndrome and internalized homophobia, found himself identifying with the prefect. Years later, as a prefect himself, he savagely caned an underclassman and was so appalled by his actions that he pledged to "never fight in a war and never again bully another human being." He had recognized "that great cycle of apartheid violence—the apparatus whereby white boys are bullied when they are young, so that later they will know how to heat black into submission."

Using the crocheting skills learned from her mother, she began creating a legacy quilt, an object that is often a linchpin in African American families. This quiet, repetitive task became a meditation, reminding her of the rosary beads of her Catholic girlhood, or the prayer beads of monks. "It gave me a focus that took me out of my individual plight," she says. It also made her think of Rosa Parks, who was not simply a defiant woman on a bus, but a seamstress by trade.

Hill worked on the quilt in classrooms, restaurants and waiting rooms. People made favorable comments, and eventually Hill was moved to create laptop legacy quilts for

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Retief devoted himself to the cause of freedom, and his work as a writer, journalist and activist with the Organization for Gay and Lesbian Action and the United Democratic Front helped South Africa become the first country to include nondiscrimination clauses protecting sexual orientation in its bill of rights.

In his memoir, aptly titled The Jack Bank (available from St. Martin's Press in February 2011), he has fashioned a narrative free of preaching." strongly believe that the literature of witness should not be beholden to any didactic message. When art becomes a servant of activism, it falls. Art shows ambiguities and contradictions, and asks more questions than providing answers, and in this way the relationship between art and activism is mutually enriching."

In 2008 THE EQUIPOSE AT SUSQUEMANIA UNIVERSITY WAS threatened by racial tension that included the hurling of rocks and epithets. Professor of Sociology **Simona Hill**, an African American, chose to respond with a lesson learned from her mother, who taught leathercraft in women's prisons in the 1940s and '50s. "She understood," says Hill, "that art gives a voice to people disconnected from society." some graduating seniors and others who admired the project. To date she has given out 18 quilts.

"It pleases me to think that these could end up anywhere, that my message of unity is reaching people outside of the SU campus." Indeed, one woman took her quilt to Africa for her stint with the Peace Corps.

Hill and her colleague Dave Ramsaran, associate professor of sociology, and chair of the Department of Sociology & Anthropology, wrote Hip Hop and Inequality: Searching for the Real Slim Shady (published by Cambria Press in 2009). In Philadelphia, she has worked with graffitt aritsts, helping them to channel the negative energy of the streets into the positive actions of painting murals in proper venues. She is an active and vocal member of Susquehanna's Theresa Palmer Society and the university's Center for Diversity and Social Justice, But her legacy quitts stand out as symbols for the seamless joining of races, faiths and viewpoints in a community of artists, teachers and students committed to improving the world. —

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# VISION





IN A COMMANDING CALL TO ORDER, NATIONAL LEADERSHAPE FACILITATOR KRISTIN SKARIE RAISES HER VOICE ABOVE THE BUZZ OF STUDENT VOICES IN THE LARGE-GROUP MEETING SPACE AT LADORE RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER. "LEADERSHAPE," SHE CALLS,



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AND THE GROUP INSTINCTIVELY COMES TO ATTENTION WITH A RESPONSIVE "HEY." ALTHOUGH MANY STUDENTS ARE DROWSY FROM STAYING UP UNTIL 3 A.M. TALKING ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES FROM THE DAY BEFORE, THE EXCITEMENT IN THE ROOM IS TANGIBLE, ELECTRIFYING THE AIR AS THEY TAKE THEIR SEATS.

AFTER A LITTLE ribbing about sleep deprivation (breakfast was served at 7:45 a.m. to the exhausted students), national facilitator Jackie Thomas calls the group's attention to a theater-sized video screen at the front of the room.

Accompanied by a haunting tribal score by Oscar-winning composer Hans Zimmer, the words "The Power of One" appear in simple white type on a black background. What follows is a series of the proporting messages coupled with a reresting video clips that illustrate how everyone has the power to change the world.

"Not so long ago, a little girl in Alabama wanted to go to the same school as everyone else." The words flash on the screen, evaporating into a grainy blackand-white image of a young African American girl entering a school building, flanked by two white men in suits.

"And a gentle man from India wanted to raise consciousness without raising his voice." A clip of Gandhi appears, showing him raising an index finger to his lips.

"In East Germany, a man wanted to break free." Cut away to a man climbing through the barbed wire that once entangled the Berlin Wall.

"And a woman traveled the world giving hope to those who had none." Fade to Mother Theresa greeting people in an Indian hospital.

The video comes to a climactic conclusion with a rapid succession of pictures and a simple statement: "The power of one is the power to do something. Anything."

The room is silent. "What did you think?" Thomas finally asks.

"I literally got chills," one Susquehanna student says. "They were just people like us and they did something. They had a vision and acted on it." "The world could be like this if only we speak up," another student adds.

It's a moment of clarity, a moment in which students realize that their dreams are more than lofty fits of fancy. They are the tangible results of the executable plans they develop and dedicate themselves to fulfilling.

"The single most important thing I took away from LeaderShape was the fact that anything is attainable," says Anna Wendel '11. "I've always been a dreamer, so forming a vision [for to morrow] wasn't a challenge, but what used

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FROM JAN. 11–16, more than 50 Susquehanna University students sacrificed their last week of winter break to attend the LeaderShape Institute. They participated in a series of intense workshops and discussions at a remote retreat north of Scranton, Pa., beginning early in the morning and finishing late in the evenine.

LeaderShape Institute is an innovative program that teaches young adults how to "lead with integrity." Originally developed in 1986 by the Alpha Tau Omega fraterity, the LeaderShape Institute now serves young adults representing a wide array of organizations in the United States.

The premise behind LeaderShape is to "build community, understand the value of one and the power of all, and to challenge what is by looking at what could be," says A. Paul Pyrz Jr., president of LeaderShape Inc.

Lisa Scott, special assistant to the president and Susquehanna's chief diversity officer, who served as program coordinator for the retreat, says she introduced LeaderShape to Susquehanna because she wanted to actively engage not just current student leaders, but also emerging leaders. "Our mission is achieve, lead and serve, but until now, we haven't addressed the leadership part in a formal, structured way," she says.

Beyond building students' leadership skills, the program teaches a willingness to be vulnerable and culturally selfaware, and to see cultural differences as assets. Scott says creating this type of

## LEADERS HAPE PARTICIPANTS HELP LEAD THE WAY TO HAITI RECOVERY

In the wake of the earthquake that decimated Haiti, several LeaderShape participants began thinking about how their visions could be tailored to indicate reliefe efforts—how, as they learned at LeaderShape, the small steps of an individual can ripple out and create a significant difference in the lives of others.

James Dunham '10, a creative writing and philosophy major from Fredericksburg, Va., is one of many LeaderShape students to embrace SU's response to the Haiti disaster. "Right now, it's one of the most important places subset [Cap put way iden into pacetics" can Dunham.

places where I can put my vision into practice," says Dunham.

Durn ham's vision is a world with more compassion. During the LeaderShape Institute, he began focusing on what he can do personally to make that
vision a reality. And what he can do is write. "My hope is to come together
with other writers and use our work to help people see things in a more compassion rate light, ideally things they would have looked at differently or not at
all," Durnham says.

Matthew Stokes '11, a mathematics and physics major from Middletown, Pa., dre-ams of establishing a nonprofit organization that will help create equal funding for math and science education in every U.S. school. When the news broke about Haiti, he found that his personal vision and the Haiti relief efforts cross course. 'I want to make a difference for somebody who doesn't have the best of circumstances, and being part of Haiti relief efforts on campus is just a small change that I can make in the overall situation there, and a small step I can take toward eventually helping children in our country.'

Stokes and other Leadershape participants, including Dunham, immediately began thinking about ways the university could respond to the disaster and how they could help with the relief efforts. Establishing the Susquehanna University Halit Relief Pland (SUHRP) was the first order of business. Led by a committee representing student organizations across campus, SUHRP was established to consolidate the Halit relief efforts of campus organizations and to ensure that domations go to a nonprofite—in this case, the Clitton Bush Halit Fund—that has an immediate and effective impact on the Haitian people. To date, more than \$1,000 has been rised for the Clinton Bush Halit Fund.

Both Stokes and Dunham are active members of the SUHRF committee, which examines short-term efforts like fund-raisers and long-term goals such as establishing an annual relief trip so members of the Susquehanna community can dit-rectly help with the rebuilding process. There wont be a moment in the next five years that Haiti wont need our help. So what we do this semester will set the terms for what our school does in the coming years to help a country rebuild, 'says 'Stokes, who serves as a co-chair of SUHRE.'

Will Paris' 10, another LeaderShape participant, helped set the stage for campus and community awareness by organizing a vigil on the one-month anniversary of the Haitt disaster. The goal of the vigil was to keep the suffering of the Haittan people front and center in the community's collective consciousness' even as news reports move on to other topics.

Fric Lassahn, director of residence life and volunteer programs, says acts of Uniteerism, like those being demonstrated by students in response to Hait, are one way for an individual to set a good example as a leader. 'A true leader who leads with integrity strives for deep engagement around troubling social issues and facilitates opportunities for those issues to be addressed on multiple levels,' says Lassahn, who served as a family cluster, or small group, facilitater for SUI's. Leadershan lectitute.

facilitator for SU's LeaderShape Institute.

"We must continue to address the symptoms through volunteerism, but we must also increase our focus and energy on the causes in an effort to resolve problems at their source. Everything I learned at LeaderShape reinforces that notion."







Small groups, called family dusters, spent time sharing ideas (top) and collaborating on activities (bottom) each day of the LeaderShape retreat.

environment "involves a measure of selfassessment around your ability to walk in another person's shoes.

"It's about understanding that your reality is not the only one that exists, that you have to acknowledge other people's humanity and experience."

During the retreat, Scott says she noticed several students mature culturally. "Students who, prior to coming to LeaderShape, thought they could only make friends with people from the same background, reached out across boundaries to inquire about other ways of knowing and being. In one instance, a young man who at the outset of the week was standoffish and proclaimed, 'This is silly,' learned by midweek that he was indeed able to make friends across race and geographic backgrounds. By Friday he was initiating conversation and thinking about how to have successful outcomes once back on campus."

LEADERSHAPE'S APPROACH is to engage participants with inventive group activities

designed to help students think creatively and work as a team. Ebony Bradley '13, a liberal arts open major from Reading, Pa, was pleasantly surprised by the structure. Teadershape wasn't a boring convention where we sat around and took notes on how to be a leader," says Bradley. "It was more like a weeklong journey we traveled on together."

One of the activities along this journey helped students see the world from the vantage point of others whose life situations are different from their own. Using different colored chips to denote social and economic status, students traded their way up and down the ladder of success and, in the process, learned about privilege and what it's like to be someone who doesn't have it.

In another exercise, small groups built freestanding balloon castles. Their tools: tape, balloons and a good set of lungs. Their time limit: 20 minutes. The purpose: to see how the various elements of leadership—vision, relationships and action—played out in a complex and challenging task; in other words, how did the different behavioral styles of the team members contribute to the accomplishment of the tast.

In the Videre Exercise students were separated into three groups representing manufacturing teams for the fictitious Videre Inc., producer of the magic vision accelerator. Their goal was to produce as many bottles of vision accelerator as possible by tossing a ball to every person in the group. One bottle was produced each time a group finished a rotation.

But there was a catch, evident in the title for this session, "Chaos and Change." Extra balls, badminton birdies and balloons were added to the mix. Eventually, imaginary chemical spills, power outages, striking union workers and natural disasters were wreaking havoc on their ability to keep production moving. The high-spirited game was a great way to unwind after a long day, but as with everything else in the LeaderShape curriculum, the exercise had a lesson. Its purpose was to teach students how to adapt to change and handle crises as a team.





LeaderShape participants wrote letters of encouragement to one another every day and placed them in each other's makeshift mailboxes.

JENNA FREDERICKS '96, assistant director of residence life for student conduct and one of the facilitators for family clusters, or small groups, says LeaderShape's curriculum "truly acknowledges the ebb and flow of students' budding confidence, combined with their enthusiasm for making their world a better place"

From Day 1, Fredericks says, students were encouraged to think big. "Within three days, students were saying things such as, 'My vision is a cancer-free world,' and 'My vision is that every-child in the world has access to education.' And not one person looked at these students and said, 'That's impossible,' or 'Why don't you aim for something smaller?' The expectation to be positive, supportive and to believe anything is possible was set from the first minute they arrived, and our students soaked it right up."

Deborah Stieffel, vice president for enrollment management and family clusIn addition to teaching students that anything is possible, LeaderShape showed them that anyone can be a leader. "I always thought that in order to be a good leader, you had to have a certain personality type," says Bradley. "But coming to LeaderShape I learned that this isn't the case. Leaders come in all shapes and sizes. No one way is correct."

Gianna Micozzi <sup>5</sup>13, a science major from Denver, Pa., says the atmosphere of the retreat made such transformations possible. "Everyone felt so secure to open up and share with one another, and it was very rewarding to everyone involved."

Students spent time each day sharing their innermost thoughts and showing their support to one another. After lunch, they wrote each other notes of encour-



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ter facilitator, says she watched students' enthusiasm grow by the day as they learned to embrace their dream. "The students saw that they have achievable visions. They've been told they can't do it, but they can." Repeating a LeaderShape mantra, she adds, "They just need to have a 'healthy disregard for the impossible' and go for it."

agement that they'd leave in each other's mailboxes, fashioned out of brown paper bags and decorated to match their individual personalities.

Bradley says the LeaderShape experience gave students the courage and support they need to accomplish their visions of a better tomorrow. They've begun by implementing individual action plans, which they hold each other acountable for achieving in a set period of time. In essence, the students are taking the small steps that, if pursued methodically, will lead to a world of possibilities, and they're doing it with the support system they devolped at LeaderShape.

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# The 'Grove

# **Q&A**Fred Grosse Professor of Physics



The 2009-10 academic year marks Fred Grosse's 50th year at Susquehanna as a professor of physics. He joined the faculty in 1960, when physics professors were in high demand because of the Soviet Union's launch of the Sputnik satellite in 1957. In the decades that followed. Grosse was instrumental in bringing computers to Susquehanna and teaching students how to use them. He also coached tennis and became known for riding his bicycle to campus regardless of the weather conditions. Grosse recently shared some of his memories with Susquehanna Currents.

#### SC: What is one of the more drastic changes you've seen occur on campus?

FG: There are several—new buildings, the use of computers, the size of the student body—but the one that sticks out for me is telephones. In 1960, we had no phones in my building. If my wife wanted to call me and tell me to come home for supper at 4 pm. instead of 5 pm., she had to call Selingsrow Hall and the secretary of that building would have to come over and get me in Steel Hall, and I'd have to go answer the phone over there. Now there are phones on every person that walks by.

## SC: What's one of the more memorable experiences you've had at Susquehanna?

FG: The chapel was built about the fifth year I was here. That's a neat story. When they wanted to put the steeple on it, they brought in a crane to reach over the big roof of the lower chapel. I had my physics class calculate whether the crane—knowing the weight of the steeple—could reach over and set if down. We found it couldn't, and sure enough, when they tried to set it down. We istarted tilting. They finally had to use a helicopter to get it on there, and the whole campus was there to watch. The kids figured out what to do with the crane. The next day when we arrived on campus, the crane had I 50 brassieres strung from the top of it.

#### SC: Do you have any thoughts of retiring?

FG: Yes, I think it's getting to be time to retire. I thin k maybe next year will be my last year. That will be 51 years, and Susquehanna is 153. That means I'll have taught for exactly one-third of the university's history. I'll quit there-

#### SC: What do you enjoy most about teaching?

KP: The best thing about teaching is when you sit down and work on a problem with students who don't underStand what you're talking about, and suddenly you watch the lights go on in their eyes and they say. "I get it." That's what's really fun about teaching—that and picking on them.

#### **SYLLABUS**

### "End of Life" Course Earns Top NASPA Honors

In 2003, when the Rev. Mark Wm. Radocke started teaching Issues at the End of Life, an elective course he helped conceive as Susquehanna's university chaplain, he knew it could have a powerful effect on the students who were exploring some of life's most personal and profound questions. What he didn't predict was the impact it would have in the greater excluational community the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) recently awarded the course a gold Excellence Award in its service-learning category and a Grand Bronze Medal overall.

Radecke attributes the course's award-winning status to a number of features, including its multidisciplinary examination of such issues as terminal illness, life support, de ath and dying, grieving, funeral practices and views of the "afterlife" from religious, pastoral, scientific, medical, ethical, legal, cultural and psychological perspectives.

Offered three times since its launch during the 2002–03 considering year, most recently last year, Issues at the Ernd of Life is offered jointly by Susquehanna's Office of the Chaplain, the Department of Philosophy and Religion, and the Pall i attive and Supportive Medicine Program of the Geisinger Healt Is system in Danville, Pa. Radecke and Geisinger's director of palliative medicine, Dr. Neil M. Ellison, are primary instructors.

Half of the 28 class sessions focus on religious, spiritual and theological issues; the other half feature guest pre-sent-crs from Geisinger, including physicians, nurses, bloet hicists, hospice and social workers, and counselors. Among its unique elements is its compelling service-learning component: each student works with a member of the community who is facing end-of-life issues due to age or illness to create a lasting, meaningful record of the person's life.



In addition to recognition by NASPA. Issues at the End of Life has garnered national media attention and served as the source for presentations at national forums. Ellison and Radecke also co-authored an article published in the peer-reviewed Journal of Palliative Medicine (April 2005).

Awards and attention, however, don't keep. Radecke and his colleagues from tweaking their successful formula. Last year, they added et hical wills—bequests of values, hopes and dreams instead of material goods—to course.

"Students found the exercise challenging, in part, I think, because considering the moral and spiritual legacy one wants to leave behind presumes that one has lived a bit more than 18 to 22 years," says Radecke. "I think the concept resonates with this generation, though, because they are more spontaneously interested in service."

At its heart, the course paves the way for common experience. "It was not quite a year after I took the course when I lost up best friend, both grandmothers, an aunt, a high school friend and a college acquaintance to accidents, illness and old age," says Kimberly Tomaszewski '06. who took the course as a student and now serves as campus minister at the University of Illinois Urbana—Champaign. "I cannot count the times I leaned on my experiences and learning from this course to remember how natural my emotions were, how communal the processes of mourning would be and, again, I how much death and the end of life is a part of this life."



Students in Katherine Straub's Tropical Meteorology class use complex computer modeling to explore hurricanes and other weather phenomena.

## FORWARD THINKING

The Classroom as a Forecast Center

As the Northern Hemisphere gears up for the Atlantic hurricane season, a class of earth and environmental science students wind down their research into tropical cyclone activity in the Southern Hemisphere. Since January, the students have been using large data sets and specialized computer programs to make tropical prediction models under the tutelage of Katherine Straub, associate professor of earth and environmental sciences.

The newly established, computer-intensive course, aptly named Tropical Meteorology, explores various weather phenomena, including monsoons, global warming and El Niño, but one-third of the course focuses on tropical cyclones, or hurricanes. "This is the first time as the real cleal." Straub asys of the course, which was previously offered as a two-credit seminas.

Now, as a 400-level class with prerequisite requirements of Introduction to Meteorology, Introductory Physics I and Calculus I, Tropical Meteorology can challenge students with

complex computer modeling of hurricanes, "The students thought the math was pretty intense at first," Straub says, "but I think they now understand how important it is in exploring how the atmosphere works." The previous two-credit course had a high level of interest, but it did not rely on quantitative analysis or computer work for labs as this class does.

Michelle Siegel '10 says the idea of taking large sets of data and breaking them down to create computer models of hurricanes was intimidating at first, but thanks to Straub, she soon felt at ease with the process. "The computer component of the class could have been so much harder if the wrong type of professor was teaching it," she says. "Dr. Straub makes the learning environment so relaxed, and if we make a mistake, she is happy to help."

Overall, the class provides students with the technical know-how to measure and predict atmospheric activities by focusing on a natural occurrence that hits headlines each year as it affects vacation plans and threatens personal safety and property. Ben Kopee '10, who is looking to attend graduate school to research the effects of climate change on hydrology, says, "The computer component of the class is helping me develop the skills I may need for conducting computer modeling in graduate school, as well as showing me many of the processes behind how the atmosphere works."

# The 'Grove

#### KUDOS

SU Communications Projects Earn Honor Among Industry's Best



Susquehanna's Office of University Communications has won eight awards this year for excellence in institutional communications, including four top honors. In February, the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) honored Susquehanna with four Accolade Awards in the CASE District II regional competition, the largest of the council's eight districts. CASE is the largest association for advancement professionals at higher education institutions and independent schools.

Projects produced by University Communications won in the following categories of the CASE competition: the gold award for Web Site Institutional Home Page, part of the university's comprehensive site reclesion that debuted in August 2009; a gold award for Best Article, for the story "From the Brink: Danielle Keener MacGuire Takes Back the Night." written by Gerald Cohen, associate vice president for communications, for the Spring 2009 issue of Susquehanna Currents magazine; a silver award for Recruitment Search Publications/ Miscellaneous Fliers and Brochures, for the Susquehanna University Desktop Wisdom "flip-book"; and a bronze award for Student Recruitment Packages, for the university's main recruitment pieces, including the viewbook, a save-the-date postcard and rack cards describing school majors.

"It is very gratifying to receive recognition from the professionals who are best positioned to critically evaluate communications from an internal and external perspective," says Sara Kirkland, executive vice president for administration and planning at Susquehanna. "To be recognized for design and writing, in print and electronically, is a special tribute to the versatility of the University Communications team."

University Communications also earned four "CUPPIE" awards in March from the Association of Communicators in Education (CUPRAP) in its third annual competition. The CUPPIES recognize creative excellence in marketing and communications in education.

Two gold CUPPIES went to Susquehanna-one in the Electronic Media/Web Site category for the comprehen sive Web site redesign, and one in the Print/Viewbook category for its primary recruitment publication, "Designed to Serve." A bronze award in the Feature Article category went to Cohen's From the Brink" article In the PR/Media Relations Campaign category, another bronze went to Susquehanna's Global Opportunities media package, which included a news release, an article in Susquehanna Currents magazine, rack cards and a Web video promoting the school's new cross-cultural study-away program.

"This year's awards, on top of last year's, suggest we're heading in the right direction," Cohen says. "In some categories we competed against and bested such fine institutions as



Princeton, Johns Hopkins, Rutgers and others. Our Board of Trustees set a goal several years ago to spread the word that this institution is a great place to receive an education. The efforts of the communications staff have been directed at fulfilling the board's goal, and I think we are seeing evidence that the hard work is paying off."

Contributing writers to The 'Grove section are Karen Jones, as sistant and political science major from Eldersburg, Md.



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# **Score**board

#### BRIGGS SELECTED AS COACH OF THE YEAR FINALIST .

Head football coach **Steve Briggs** was selected as one of five finalists in Liberty Mutual Group's NCAA Division III Coach of the Year competition.

"Coach Briggs embodies the college football spirit and the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year values," says Greg Gordon, senior vice president of consumer marketing at Liberty Mutual. "He has made a great impact on the lives of his student-athletes and his community, and we are proud to recognize him as a Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year finalist."

Although he didn't win the award, the finalist honor capped a landmark year for Briggs, who completed his 20th season as Susquehanna's head coach with a 2009 Liberty League championship and a berth in the Division III playoffs.

Launched in 2006, the Coach of the Year Award was created by Liberty Mutual to celebrate responsible coaching because of the positive influence it has on young people, their families and entire communities.

Briggs and the Susquehanna football team won the first, last and only Liberty championship in school history this past season after only three years in the league. The team earned the title by going 6–1 in the league, including a 28–17 win at Union College in the de facto league championship game on Nov. 14.

Following the regular season, Susquehanna claimed four of the Liberty's five major yearly awards, including the Coaching Staff of the Year honor, and earned 14 all-Liberty awards, including nine first-team players.

The team placed 11 players on the Liberty all-academic team this year as well. Four players have received a combined five College Sports Information Directors of America academic All-America honors under Briggs.

His career record after an 8–3 overall 2009 season stands at 110–93. He has the most wins of any football coach in school history, dating back to 1892.

Briggs is involved in a bevy of charitable activities, both on campus and in the community, and he encourages the football team to do the same. Last year, his players donated weekly prize money earned through Player of the Week awards to a diverse number of organizations. They also helped raise money for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure organization in the name of Debra Lacy, the mother of one of the team's players, who passed away from breast cancer early in the season.

"Coach Briggs embodies the college football spirit and the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year values"



—Greg Gardon, Norway are president of consumer marketing Liberty Mutual

## Hit and Run

Liberty Mutual Group selected head football coach Steve Briggs

SU became the first school to capture three Landmark Conference championships in the same sport when its men's cross country team won the Landmark title for the third year in a row on Oct. 31.

Conference President's All-Sports

Susquehanna has won all of the six Landmark Conference individual cross-country championships-Paul Thistle '10 for the men's team in 2007, 2008 and 2009; and for the women's team, Aivcia Woodruff '11 in 2007 and 2008 and Casey Hess '12 in 2009.

Jim Findiay captured his 100th career win as head coach of the men's soccer team with a 4-1 victory at Goucher College on Oct. 10.

Susquehanna football earned a trip to the NCAA championships for the first time since 1991.

Men's cross country took the postseason championship, helping SU earn first-place ranking in the running for the Landmark's All-Sports Cup.



#### SUSQUEHANNA SPORTS IN RUNNING FOR LANDMARK ALL-SPORTS CUP

For the second straight year, Susquehanna University stood In first place out of eight institutions in the Landmark Conference President's All-Sports Cup standings following the conclusion of the Landmark's fall season.

Susquehanna earned 7.33 points after the 2009-10 academic year's fall semester. The university took conference posts eason championships in men's cross country and finished as the postseason runner-up in wormen's cross country, field hockey, wormen's soccer and women's volleyball. SU men's soccer film ished the regular season just one spot shy of the postseason.

The Landmark All-Sports Cup is awarded based on a formula that rewards institutions for their finishes in regular-season conference standings, as well as results in Landmark postseason play. The formula also takes iwnto account the number of sports that a school sponsors.

The Landmark does not release the full standings, but Juniata College (6.67 points). The Catholic University of America (6.50) and The University of Scranton (5.50) ranked second. third and fourth, respectively, after the fall season. The other Landmark schools are Drew University, Goucher College, Moravian College and the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

Susquehanna, which sponsors all 20 Landmark sports, finished in third place in the conference for the 2008-09 school year.

Conference standings for the 2010 winter sports should be released this month. Spring champions, yet to be determined this school year, include baseball, men's and women's lacrosse, softball, men's and women's tennis, and men's and women's outdoor track & field.

SU's 2009 Liberty League football championship does not count toward the Landmark President's All-Sports Cup standings. Golf results do not count either, as the men's team competes in the Empire 8 At hletic Conference and the women's team competes in the Centennial Conference.

# **Score** board

#### MITCH MERCER: WELL AND A CONTROL OF THE CONTROL OF



Mitch Mercer'10 goes all the way on the green, earning PING honors and four straight Empire 8 Player of the Week awards.

Mix one part college life with two parts leadership and maturity. Throw in a pinch of travel and plenty of friends. Stirt it all up with a 9-iron, and you have Susquehanna men's golf captain, Mitch Mercer '10.

Mercer, an NCAA Division III P1 N/G All-American during the 2008–09 season, started golfing at age 13 with his father and brot her, and stuck with the sport long enough to become a star at Pine-Richland High School in his hometown of Wexford, Pa, just outside of Pittsburgh.

From high school, Mercer init i ally looked at Susquehanna knowing that the daughter of a family friend had attended the university. From there, he filled out a recruiting questionnaire on the Athletics Web site, and the rest, as they say, is higtory.

"Coach (Don Harnum) was great, and I really liked the campus and the golf program," says Mercer." I knew the team had played in the national championships a bunch in the past and had a history of success there."

Mercer has carried on that his tory of success by earning All-America honors last season, although he didn't play until 1 the spring semester. He spent the fall semester studying abroad in the Sigmund Weis Sch Ool of Business' London Program. He also was selected in his junior year to represent 5U at the prestigious NCAA National Student-Athlete Development Conference in Orlando, Fla.

Mercer says Susquehanna's groff team is all about "friends, competition and learning," and his collegiate experience has been enhanced by the people he has met and the places the team has traveled to together.

During the fall 2009–10 season n, Mercer competed in eight rounds, racking up an average of 72.38 strokes, including a career low-tying, 69-stroke performance on the second day of the first round of the Empire 8 Ath letic Conference championships. That feat earned him the Empire 9 River of the Week award. on one of four straight that fall.

The 69 allowed Mercer to sit in first place heading into the second round in April. As a team, SU currently ranks second in the conference championships in just its first season.

#### Hit and Run

Although he didn't compete until the spring semester, Mitch Mercer '10 earned PING All-America men's golf hondrs for the 2008–09 season

Susquehanna women's soccer posted a school single-season record with nine shutouts in 2009, all by Alyssa Kemmerer '10. Four of those shutouts were successive.

In 2009, Joel Patch '09 and Dave Paveletz '10 both earned finalist status for NCAA Division III Player of the Year awards—Patch in men's basketball and Paveletz in football.

Bobby Eppleman '11, a 2008 D3football.com first-team all-East Region punter, earned third-team all-region honors as place-kicker in 2009.

Kathy Kroupa earned two Landmark Conference Coaching Staff of the Year awards in 2009, one as SU's head softball coach in the spring and the other as head women's soccer coach in the fall.

Three Susquehanna women's teams—field hockey, soccer and volleyball—competed in a Landmark Conference championship contest on Nov. 7.

#### PDAVE PAVELETZ:

The J-Club of Saint John's University in Minnesota named senior running back **Dave Paveletz '10** one of 10 finalists for Jostens'
2009 Gagliardi Trophy, awarded to the
NCAA Division III football Plaver of the Year.

Paveletz, a D3football.com All-American from Warrior Run, Pa., was the 2009 Liberty League Offensive Player of the Year and a member of Susquehanna's Liberty championship team. He is the second SU athlete to be honored as a 2009 national Player of the Year finalist. Joel Patch '09 earned the honor in men's basketball in February.

A team captain, Paveletz is a three-time all-Liberty first-teamer and all-academic team member. He led the league and ranked sixth in Division III in rushing yards this past season with 1,414. He led the league in rushing yards in both 2008 and 2007 as well.

In 2009, he increased the Susquehanna career-ushing-yards record, pushing his total to 4,731 yards, while also setting new SU marks in career rushing touchdowns (47) and single-season rushing yards. He also owns the 5U single-game rushing record with a 258-yard performance in a 28–13 win over the University of Rochester on Ct. 11, 2008. He tied his own school single-game record with 50 wns chool single-game record with four rushing touchdowns in that same game.

The Gagliardi Trophy, whose recipient is selected by a national Committee composed of coaches, sportswriters, community leaders and former Division III student athletes enshrined in the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame, recognizes excellence in a thletics, academics and community service.

Paveletz boasts a 3.54 Grade point average as a finance majlor and economics minor, and earned College Sports Information Directors of America/ESPN The Magazine academic all-idistrict honors for two years before gaining academic All-America status in 2009. He has been on the Susquehanna Dean's List every semester since the spring of 2007 and has maintained an SU Presidential Scholarship since the fall of 2006.

Paveletz frequently donates his time and energy to the Central Pennsylvania Multiple Sclerosis Society. At various times he has donated prize mone you on though Crusader Football Player of the Week awards to the organization while encouraging teammates to do the Same Paveletz and his teammates also rais ed more than \$1,200 this past season in support of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, an organization that promotes breast cancer awareness and raises money for research on the disease.



Senior running back Dave Paveletz finished his SU football career last season with numerous division and league honors, and several SU records under his belt.

Contributing writers to the Scoreboard section are Robert E. Healy III, director of athletics communications, and Kelly Stemcosky '11, a communications major from Wellsboro, Pa.



# People Places

## Keeping It Kosher

New Hillel House Enhances Jewish Life on Campus

Rabhi Kate Palley, director of Jewish life, enthusiastically opened the doors to the new Hillel House on Jan. 24. Located at 406 University Ave., the house serves as a communal space for the Susquehanna Jewish community and provides Palley with office space.

Hillel moved into the house over winter break. "We didn't really do anything with the space until this semester, which is why we wanted to have an open house the first weekend people were back on campus," Palley says.

The open house drew dozens of people from both Susquehanna and the larger community. "It was wonderful to see members of the SU community and beyond come to support and celebrate with Hillel," says Rachel Gilbert '11, president of Hillel.

In March, Palley led a Passover Seder for 200 participants, the first event of its kind and scale in the school's history. The meal attracted, students, faculty, administrators and the public.

Visitors to the open house came to explore the space and to hear who won the art contest associated with the celebration. The contest asked members of the Susquehanna and Selinsgrove communities to fashion a representation of creation on a specially sized carwax, using any medium.



Susquehanna's new Hillel House is open to anyone who wishes to learn more about Jewish culture and religion.



Kelly Kuros '12 with her winning entry in the art contest for the opening of the Hillel House

Kelly Kuros '12 won the contest. "I suppose everyone thinks of surrises as a metaphor for creation, so that was my idea from the beginning, but I knew I needed to make it interesting, which is why I painted it in a grid pattern, to add a little bit of modernity to the piece," Kuros explains.

"Every time I look at it I notice something different. That's one of the gifts of the piece," says Palley.

There were a total of nine entries, all of which now adorn the walls of the Hillel House. "They're all beautiful in different ways," says Palley. "They really make the space lively."

As Palley's first year at Sussquehanna winds down, she is looking to future opportunities to expand Jewish life on campus. "My goals were to figure out how to make a uniquely Susquehanna Jewish culture. To take what is here and just give it energy and resources and make it more," she says.

The opening of the Hillel House has given Palley a good cornerstone on which to build her programming. "Having a house for us means having a home and having a place that has a kosher kitchen, so Jews, no matter how they practice, will feel comfortable eating here," Palley says.

But the Hillel House isn't just for Susquehanna's Jewish community. Palley says it's open to anyone who wishes to learn more about Jewish culture and religion. Teveryone is welcome all the time. Events that we have here are never exclusive to the Jewish community."

#### Students Get DiRTy to Help Others

Natural disasters are an ever-present threat, at home and abroad. For years, Susquehanna has sent groups of students on servicelearning trips to areas devastated by hurricanes, flooding and more. Joining the effort this spring was the Disaster Response Team (DiRT), a student organization that traveled to Atlanta to aid in reconstruction following the 2009 flooding.

"Going on the spring break trip was a large step for them," says adviser Eric Lassahn, director of residence life and volunteer programs. Formed three years ago, DiRT spent its first two years organizing and gaining university recognition.

The outreach trip to Atlanta was the first of its kind for the group, and it exemplifies one of DiRT's ultimate goals-to mobilize and respond to local disasters, Lassahn says.

DIRT treasurer Chelsey Bennett '11 says the group will spend the remainder of the year doing training sessions in rescue skills such as CPR and first aid, and participating in various service opportunities on the weekends. The club was also one of several Susquehanna groups to mobilize to help with relief efforts after Hajti's earthquake in January.

M. Andy Nagy '08, group adviser and coordinator of civic engagement, says DiRT members chose Atlanta as their first servicelearning destination because it was relatively close, and therefore reasonably priced for travel, and would give them experience working in an area affected by large-scale disaster.

Students were assigned to rebuild homes with community organizations. "You knew you were going to hurt from this kind of work by the end of the day," Nagy says.

Lassahn, Nagy and several students involved in DiRT have experience with other disaster relief trips. Less than six months after Hurricane Katrina ravaged New Orleans, Susquehanna's first Hurricane Relief Team (HRT) departed for the area. Since then, 13 teams have gone to New Orleans to help rebuild, and they show no sign of slowing down.

"There will always be work to do there," Lassahn says.

Susquehanna also offers service-learning trips to Central America with The Rev. Mark Wm. Radecke, university chaplain, and to the Philippines with Associate Professor of Religion Jeffrey Mann.

### Riding High at SU

Rebecca Wise had ridden a horse only a couple of times before arriving at Susquehanna University. But that didn't deter the freshman from joining Susquehanna's Intercollegiate Equestrian Club.

"I've always been interested in horses," Wise says. "I just decided to go to the barn with them to see what I thought of it. and I really liked it."

It wasn't long before Wise was taking lessons at Summer Breeze Stables, in Milton, and learning the intricate moves riders use during competition. "I just kind of went for it," she says.

That's the initiative and dedication team coach Jan Philips, who owns the stable with her husband, Harry, is looking for. "I know if the girls do their job, the team is going to grow and get bigger," she says. "We need to put SU on the intercollegiate equestrian map."

Before signing on at SU, Philips led the equestrian club at Bucknell University for 17 years. That team took regional championships in three of the last four years she led the club. She was awarded the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association High Point Regional Coaching Award three times and the reserve award once.

After She had decided to take a break from coaching, she was asked to guide SU's club, "The kids were so nice, and they really wanted to be in their own league, so I decided to do it again," Philips says.

The team practices once a week and attends five competitions each semester. In addition to gaining riding skills, the members learn the value of teamwork. "Life isn't all about one



Amanda Cavanaugh '12 practices her riding skills at Summer Breeze Stables.

person," Philips says. "It's about caring about the other people on your team and being out there when it's cold and rooting on your team members"

Because the team must raise a portion of its costs, the members also learn les-

sons in philanthropy. "We're looking to do

some raffles or something like a car wash," says co-captain Amanda Cavanaugh, '12. "The team is very close knit; we just throw ideas out to get some feedback on what the girls want to do."

Cavanaugh has been riding most of her life and began showing when she was 8 years old. Her love of horses inspired her to join the club as a freshman. "It's like a disease, I swear," she says.

Co-captain Briana Billingham, '12, who has been riding for 12 years and competing since she was 9, enjoys the camaraderie. "I love that I got to meet girls who shared the same interests as me, and we all have fun doing something we love," she says.



Steffy Barrionuevo '11, president of Sterling Communications, explains the organization's work to Trevor Williamson '12 during a student activities fair in January.

#### Sterling Communications

#### Student PR Firm Steers Green Car Advertising for Hertz

Sterling Communications, a public relations firm managed and operated by SU students, conducted focus groups this fall to help shape advertising for a "green car" initiative proposed by the Hertz car rental company. The new service provides access to ecofriendly cars for students, faculty and staff.

Much more than a classroom exercise, the focus group sessions provided real-world experience in developing an ambitious corporate advertising campaign that would also advance SU's green initiatives. The university and Hertz asked Sterling to help determine the student perspective through focus groups. "The university and Hertz put a lot of responsibility in our hands," says Rachel Dromgoole '11, Sterling's vice president.

The firm began by recruiting diverse groups of students and sitting down with them to probe their reactions to a variety of draft advertisements created by University Communications and Hertz. Afterward, Sterling met with the communications office and discussed the feedback, which reflected the students' desire for hard information on the rental program.

"The bottom line is that students felt the campaign needs to go in stages," says Sterling president Steffy Barrionuevo '11. "The campaign can't dive straight into clever ads without first giving students the specifics."

Based on Sterling's work, the communications office and Hertz changed their advertising strategy and began introducing the

Hertz program in phases.

Sterling emerged in 1991 as an offshoot of SU's chapter of the Public Relations Society of America, but with innovative student leadership, it soon moved beyond that role. "Although Sterling was originally conceived to bring speakers to campus and connect SU to the outside world," says James Sodt, professor of communications and Sterling's faculty adviser, "it quickly became the hands-on, student-run experiential PR firm."

Today Sterling serves businesses from the local community as well as on-campus organizations and departments. It has created and implemented PR campaigns for a variety of local companies, including Market Street businesses such as the Campus Candlelight Café, Emma's Student Government Association and the university's Office of Information Technology.

"I feel that the best part about Sterling is the sense of accomplishment and being able to say, 'I did this. This was my work," says Barrionuevo. "The pride that comes from that statement is unlike anything else."

#### GOing Places With the New Central Curriculum

One of the many facets of the university's new Central Curriculum is a required cross-cultural experience. Some students fulfill their Global Opportunities (GO) requirement by spending a semester studying abroad, while others choose to take shorter trips. In other words, students can choose to GO Short of GO Long.

"We expect that the majority of our students are going to choose the short, faculty-led programs," says Scott Manning, associate professor of French and Italian, and director of crosscultural programs.

To meet the demand, not to mention their excitement for the program, professors were planning short-term trips before the new curriculum was even finalized, Manning says. Currently 10 GO Short trips have been approved and 10 more are in the process of being approved.

The GO requirement asks students, beginning with the class of 23, to participate in a cross-cultural experience, either in the United States or abroad, for a minimum of two weeks and then take a reflective course upon their return to Susquehanna. Newly approved trips include those to Northern Ireland, Japan, Greece, Italy and Peru.

Eric Lassahn, director of residence life and volunteer programs, is leading a trip to Northern Ireland in June. "I see the GO program as a means to further my interest in civic engagement and international education," he says. Students will spend time in Ballyscatle working with the peace-building organization Corrymeela, in Belfast performing service work with a youth group, and in Derry learning the history of the city and the struggle between Protestants and Catholics.

"The most important thing is that they develop a deeper cross-cultural understanding," Lassahn says.

Naomi Niskala, assistant professor of music, is taking a group of eight students to Japan for a 10-day residency at Niigata University followed by a week of travel throughout the country. "Japanese and American culture is about as opposite as you can get," says Niskala, who grew up in Tokyo attending Englishspeaking schools. Students will have music Jessons with faculty members and rehearsals with Niigata University students, culminating in a recital. They will also spend some one-on-one time with students answering questions.

In the summer of 2011, students will also have the opportunity to travel to Greece with Coleen Zoller, associate professor of philosophy, and learn about actient and modern Greek culture. Zoller previously took students on a week-long tour of Greece during spring break. She used that experience to retool the trip and turn it into a two-week GO program.

"It gives you more of a chance to really immerse yourself in the culture, not just be a tourist," she says.

Associate Professors of Management Leann Mischel and David Bussard will be taking students to Italy and Peru, respectively, and Glen Retief, assistant professor of English and creative writing, will lead students to South Africa to learn about travel writine.

Students may also fulfill the GO requirement by participating in one of Susquehanna's long-standing short travel programs, including Focus Australia, Hurricane Reliel'Team, Susquehanna University Central America Service Adventure (SU CASA) and Philippines: Learning, Understanding and Service (PLUS)



SU faculty and staff are developing numerous GO Short programs to help students satisfy the cross-cultural requirement of the Central Curriculum, including trips to Peru, South Africa and U.S. disaster locations like the Guif Coast,





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# **Alumni Notes**

## Message Board



The alumni relations staff: (left to right) Jodi Swartz, Susan Kreisher, Kristin Vought '07 and Becky Bramer '92 Deitrick

A social network is a structure made up of individuals who are tied or connected by one or more types of interdependency, ranging from families to nations. A network close to my heart is Susquehanna's, composed of 15,000 alumni whose bond is our student-learning experience. Before the Internet burst onto the scene, the university played a vital role in keeping alumni connected, both to each other and to Susquehanna. But in an era of easy access to Web-based social networking sites like Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter, what is the value of our Susquehanna connections?

We have begun to answer this question with the new Alumni Connect program, an effort to more actively and purposely connect students with alumni and alumni with each other. Student mentees are asking questions of alumni mentors to help prepare for life after graduation. Alumni faced with the hardship of downsizing or layoffs, or who are seeking new challenges or a change in their career paths, are finding opportunities to make connections with other alumni willing to offer advice and open some

doors. Faculty are finding value—and also having some fun—connecting their former students with current students.

Bob '69 and Carol Scherb '70 Ray, along with Jaime Price '11, have been working in partnership with the Office of Alumni Relations since October on this pilot program to broaden and deepen connections between students and alumni. (See related story, pp. 47.) We have helped match about 30 student-alumni pairs so far.

Students eager to become part of this network are attending regional alumni events in Philadelphia, New Jersey, Washington, D.C., and New York City. Alumni are visiting campus regularly to share stories and business cards over lunch with groups of four to six students. Perhaps most important, we are working with our faculty and staff colleagues to better educate students about what it means to be a graduate of Susquehanna University: a combination of value, opportunity and responsibility-for individual alumni and for the university-awaits those who choose to embrace it.

President L. Jay Lemons speaks regularly to prospective students about the long-term relationships we hope to have with those who attend Susquehanna. "We want you to consider Susquehanna not just for four years, but for a lifetime," he says. Every graduate can make a difference here, and we are grateful that so many do. They add strength and versatility to the Susquehanna network, year after year, but there is always room for more.

> ~Becky Bramer '92 Deitrick Director of Alumni Relations

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45TH REUNION

Terry Bossert '68 was appointed as vice president of government affairs at Chief Oil & Gas LLC. He will provide counsel to executive management on all legislative and regulatory matters related to Chief's business. He'll be based in Harrisburg, Pa.

40TH REUNION

David M. Boucher '71 was appointed to the board of directors of The First Tee of Philadelphia in November. He was also elected to a second term as president of Aronimink Golf Club, Newtown Square, Pa., the host site for the AT&T National golf tournament in 2010 and 2011. David lives in Malvern, Pa., with his wife, Sandy

Michael Collins '73, executive vice president and lending officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of to the American Bankers Association's Stonier National Graduate School of Banking Advisory Board.

Robert Philips '73 was appointed chief information officer at New Century Bank. He lives in Newtown Square, Pa.

Paul Hinsch '74 began his 16th vear as vice president of marketing for Henry Schein Inc.'s U.S. Dental division, a Fortune 500 company. His daughter Kathryn, an accounting major at Susquehanna, graduated in May 2009. His daughter Anna is a member of the Class of 2013

Kay Shroyer '74 Hooper became the first Pennsylvania-certified Andover Educator, An Andover Educator is a person who is trained to teach body mapping, which is a form of practical anatomy designed to improve movement and coordination. She is also a certified Alexander Technique teacher and the author/publisher of a workbook for musicians on sensory integration in practice and performance.

issued to Walters on May 13 at CAP National Headquarters, located at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. The award was presented to him by Pennsylvania Wing Commander Col. Mark Lee during the annual wing conference on Oct. 17 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

CAP members receive the Wilson Award, the highest academic award given by CAP. There are nearly 59,000 members in CAP in the United States. Walters is the Pennsylvania wing chaplain for the wing headquartered at Ft. Indiantown Gap. The wing has 27 chaplains and 10 character development instructors, or chaplain's assistants, spread over 68 squadrons and seven groups across the state, with 1,261 senior members.

Walters, an Anglican priest, is a retired U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) commander. He retired in 2003 after 22 years of active military service in the USPHS and U.S. Army and an additional 13 years in the U.S. Army Reserve. He holds 12 college and university degrees, three honorary doctorates and numerous professional board certifications and credentials. He also is a published author. Walters is married to the former Sara Jane Alex of Shenandoah, Pa. They reside in Reading, Pa.

35TH REUNION In January, Carol Graybosch '75 LaCorte retired from teaching in the Smithtown (N.Y.) Central School District. She was a music teacher for 34 years, 25 of which were spent serving Smithtown

Central

Lt. Col. Gene W. Walters '75, a Civil Air Patrol (CAP) chaplain was awarded the CAP Gill Robb Wilson Academic Award for "conspicuously meritorious performance and exceptionally distinguished service in the Civil Air Patrol Senior Member Training Program." The certificate, signed by Gen. Amy Courter, CAP national commander, was

Ronald Roth '76 received a Doctor of Education degree in administration and leadership studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania through its East Stroudsburg University Partnership Program. His dissertation was titled An Analysis of Elements of Temple University's Career and Technical Education Alternative Teacher Certification Program That Affect New Teachers. He is the administrative director of the Career Institute of Technology, the regional technical high school serving Pennsylvania's Bangor, Easton, Nazareth, Pen Argyl and Wilson Area school districts. He lives in Easton with his wife, Laurie Morgan '76 Roth, and their daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth.

Patty Sost-Lantz '78 married James Carl Alercia on May 22 at the Schoeneck Moravian Church in Nazareth, Pa. Susquehannans in the wedding party included Patty's daughter Amy '09. Patty and Jim are living in Bangor, Pa., and are retired school administrators. Patty continues to play horn with the Allentown Pioneer Band and the South Side Brass in Bethlehem, Pa.

30TH REUNION

David Johnson '81 was promoted to president of Laerdal Medical. Laerdal is a manufacturer and supplier of products and solutions for health care providers in all disciplines. The company is a pioneer of resuscitation and medical education projects. The company's U.S. headquarters is in Wappingers Falls, N.Y.

Glenn MacInnes '83 was appointed executive vice president and chief financial officer at New Alliance Bancshares Inc. in New Haven Conn

Scott Frost '84 has been promoted to vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer at Weis Markets. He joined the company as a staff accountant after graduating from Susquehanna. He also worked as a controller

## Jennifer Wolny '96 Shurtleff By Bruce E. Beans

Jennifer Wolny '96 Shurtleff came to Susquehanna planning to become a human geneticist. instead, she became an expert on an algal bloom known as "red tide"

What caused her to switch from the human genome to single-celled algae? Professor of Biology Jack Holt and his second-year course Plants, Protists & Fungi.

"The diversity of the plant kingdom fascinated me," says Wolny. "And Jack's such a great teacher because he is so enthusiastic about life around him. He makes you excited about these tiny little one-celled organisms living in the water."

After serving as an intern for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and a research assistant at Susquehanna. she graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in biology and biochemistry. She went on to earn a master's degree in biology from Old Dominion University and took a job with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. She joined the Florida Institute of Oceanography (FIO) in 2002. As an FIO research faculty member, Wolny has taught classes in Italy and annually conducts workshops on Mexico's Gulf Coast, And in Wolny's house, biology is a family affair.

Her husband, Aaron Shurtleff '95, is a biologist with the University of Florida's Gulf Coast Research and Education Center, where he studies tomato and pepper plant pests. "He grows tiny pepper weevils to study, and I grow tiny red tide cells. It makes for some interesting conversations over dinner,"Wolny says,

However, Wolny isn't completely consumed by what some people would dismiss as pond scum. In mid-January she helped rescue about 1,000 coldstunned sea turtles along the Florida Panhandle.



Once they were warmed up, they were transported to warm offshore Gulf waters.

Wolny, a marine biologist with an unfortunate tendency to seasickness, didn't make the trip. She decided to remain safely on land. She's more comfortable in her St. Petersburg lab focusing on harmful algal blooms, which in late summer and early fall can stretch for 100 or more miles.

Karenia brevis-the species that blooms in the Gulf-can kill millions of fish, cause respiratory irritation in humans and infect oysters and clams with a neurotoxin that can sicken people who eat them. Another species found on Florida's east coast can prove fatal to people who eat tainted fish or shellfish. Peering through her microscope to confirm satellite imagery, one of Wolny's responsibilities is to alert state authorities when the algae reach densities that require seafood harvesting to cease,

"I don't know that I'd say I love red tide, but I do love microscopy. You put a drop of water on a slide and there's a whole other world in that drop-a world that very few people know about," Wolny says.

Bruce E. Beans is a contributing writer from Warrington, Pa.

Andrew Reilly '84 was elected chairman of the Delaware County (Pa.) Republican Party. He lives in Media, Pa.

25TH REUNION

Born to Paul '89 and Annmarie Oakley '89 Kopey, a daughter, Brighton, July 29. They live in Chester Springs, Pa.

20TH REUNION

Linda Rowe '91 Catullo published an article in the 2009 NASPA Journal, Vol. 46, No. 2301, titled The Status of Crisis Management at NASPA Member Institutions. The study assessed the level of crisis preparedness in higher education from the perspective of chief student affairs administrators at residential universities after Sept. 11, 2001, and before the Virginia Tech shootings in April 2007. She is the director of development for Fredericksburg Academy in Fredericksburg, Va.

Justin "Tug" Binstead '93 was inducted into the American Football Association Hall of Fame. He played tight end for the Crusaders, coached at West Chester University of Pennsylvania while studying for his master's degree, and played in

semi-pro leagues and Team USA, which took him to games in Europe and Hawaii. He also played for four years in Australia. Tug is an emergency room physician in Salisbury, Md., where he lives with his wife, Christy, and sons Logan and Kellen.

Born to Robert and Jamie Swank '93 Pilot, a daughter, Elizabeth Lynne, Aug. 10. She joins big brothers James and Brenan. The family lives in Arlington, Va.

Born to Ric '93 and Kathy Kovatch '93 Reaman, a son, Andrew John (AJ), June 9. He joins big sisters Emily, Lauren and Megan. They live in Nesquehoning, Pa.

1995

15TH REUNION

1996

Ruth Bullwinkle '96 spent her summer working for the PA Council of Churches as a chaplain at RB Winter State Park near Mifflinburg, Pa., and a local campground. She is pursuing her Master of Divinity degree at the Latheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and plans to graduate in May.

Born to Eric and Julie Fenton '96 Shearer, twins, William Frederich and Laura Faith, Aug. 9. Julie is a stay-at-home mom, and Eric works at Central Susquehannan Intermediate Unit. They live in Northumberland, Pa.

Born to Cheryl White '96 and Chad Wozniak '94, a daughter, Kyra Ashley, June 20. She joins big sister Laurel. They live in Chesterfield, N.J. 1997

Josh Lininger '97 is the head wrestling coach at Lower Dauphin High School and teaches special education. He lives in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Born to Eric and Carrie Stanton '97 Scott, a son, Tyler Carson, Nov. I. He joins big brothers Zachary and Trevor and sister Samantha. They live in Lititz, Pa.

1998

Born to Chad and Jennifer Elkins '98 Strauss, a daughter, Rebecca Marie, March 7, 2009. They live in Chalfont, Pa.

1999

Born to Andrew and Amanda Roenigk '99 Fabian, a son, Jackson, May 14. They live in Thornton, Pa.

Born to Jason and Alyssa Andreadis '99 Gregory, a son, Owen Daniel, Nov. 16. He joins big brother Nathan and big sister Madelyn. They live in Stewartsville, N.J.

Thora Westock '99 married Ivan Jurlina July 12 in Montdair, N.J. Nicholas Stephenson '99 and Ashley Stephenson '07 were in the wedding. In addition, fellow SU alumni Erica Weaver '00 Stephenson, Jana Yenser '99 Redford, Juliana Rizk '99 and Andrew Rumbaugh' 00 were in attendance. Both are teachers and currently live in Lyndhurst, N.J.

10TH REUNION

Born to Patrick and Courtney

Hoover '00 Kelly, a son, Dylan Patrick, June 21.

2001

Molly Davey '01 received a very favorable review in the New York Times when she sang the title role of Zemire in a special one-night performance of the opera Zemire et Azor, a version of Beauty and the Beast. She is also a 2009 Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions District Winner.

Born to David and Julia Fischer '01 Mennerich, a daughter, Audrey Lauren, Aug. 22. They live in Collegeville, Pa.

Joe Miscavige '01 is pursuing a master's degree in library and information science at Long Island University. He is the assistant director of media services at The Feedroom in New York, and lives in Astoria, N.Y.

2002

Emily Jaworski '02 organized an event in memory of Susquehana's long-time swimming coach, the late Ged Schweikert. The formal title of the event is The Swim to Drown Out Multiple Myeloma, but Jaworski has taken to calling it The Schweikert. Schwim. The event was held Jan. 24 at the Allard Center YMCA in Goffstown, N.H. Jaworski is a high school music teacher and swim coach.

Katie Pasek '02 published her first children's book, Sure-Foot Sam in Jeopardy.

Branden Pfefferkorn '02 was the recipient of the American Public Health Association's 2009 Jay S. Drotman Memorial Award for young professionals. The award recognizes a health worker or student, 30 or younger, who has demonstrated potential in the health field by challenging traditional public health policy or practice in a creative and positive way. (See leature article, pp. 4.)

2003

Kate Herman '03 married Ben Lamberton '03 on Jan. 2 at the Old Moravian Chapel at Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, Pa. A reception followed at Sau con Valley Country Club.

Elizabeth Martin '03 is an assistant director of admissions at Florida Southern College. She lives in Lakeland, Fla.

Born to Brett and Mary Henninghan '03 Rees, a son, Macsen Joseph, Oct. 7. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

Born to Matthew and Rebecca Young '03 Resnick, a son, Na thanial James, June 5. They live in Lancaster, Pa.

Jennifer Witowski '03 earned her associate's degree in nursing from Howard Community College. She will be practicing as a registered nurse in Richmond, Va.

2004

Anne Ford '04 Behler's article Ereaders in Arton: An Academic Library Trams with Sony to Assess the Technology was published in the October 2000 issue of American Libraries, the official publication of the American Library Association, Anne is an information literacy librarian at Penn State University and is the co-project leader for the Penn State Sony Reader Pilot Project.

Lori Benson '04 married Brent Koehler on July 31 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Brant Beach, N.J. She is a sixth-grade mathematics teacher in the

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Flemington-Raritan School District. They live in Lawrence Township, N.J.

STH REUNION

Rence DeCoskey '05 received her master's degree in English with a concentration in the teaching of writing and literature from George Mason University in August.

Michael Franken '05 was hired as a client relations manager for On Campus Marketing, based out of West Trenton, N.J.

Abigail Harvey '05 graduated from Penn State University with a master's degree in music education on Dec. 19. She continues to teach elementary music in the Lewisburg Area School District in Lewisburg, Pa.

Born to Amanda and Nicholas Simpson '05, a daughter, Kylie, April 14. Nicholas is a fourthgrade teacher, and they live in Franklinton, N.C.

Kyle Somers '05 is the controller for Dentaurum USA. He lives in Newtown, Pa.

2006

Jenna Knepp '06 Bickford is an associate at the Erie, Pa., law firm of MacDonald, Illig, Jones & Britton LLP.

Kristin Bowen '06 graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes School of Nursing in May and received her registered nursing license in June. She is currently employed as a staff nurse in a post-interventional cardiac unit at Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center in Canden, N.I. Wendy McCardle '06 married Scott Zook on Sept. 26 in New Enterprise, Pa. Kacey Johnson '07 was a bridesmaid.

Nicole Sweeney '06 married Damian Dech on Oct. 24 in Adams, Mass. Steph Bergstresser '06 Boozer was her maid of honor. The couple lives in Kent, Ohio.

Lauren Wolfe '06 was promoted to director of marketing at CK Marketing Solutions Inc., located in Washington, D.C. Wolfe has worked at CK for three years and lives in Arlington, Va.

2007

Kevin Stewart '07 was accepted into the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) for a master's program in international history and government.

Eric Warner '07' won the New Teacher Award from the Penn-sylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics. He is a math teacher in the Conewago Valley School District in New Oxford, Pa. This award is given yearly to a math educator who has shown outstanding ability within his or her first three years of service.

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## **Making Connections**

# Bob '69 and Carol Scherb '70 Ray By Jennifer Botchie '99

Two careers enhanced by connections have led **Bob** '69 and **Carol Scherb** '70 **Ray** on a new journey with their alma mater. The couple is helping to pilot Alumni Connect, a program designed to create more intentional and robust connections hetween students and SU alumni.

This venture comes after nearly 40-year careers—Bob's in the financial realm and Carol's in education. Both credit their success to the personal connections they made throughout their careers.

Bob left Susquehanna and went to work in New brok City as a commercial bank loan officer and spent 16 years in that sector. In 1985, he joined Moody's Investors Service, where he served for 18 years as an analyst and later managing director. Only partially retired, he does financial consulting for a privately owned firm.

"When I entered the workforce over 40 years ago, the saying was 'it's not what you know, but who you know.' There was reluctance on my part to accept this as a truism—I still think you need more than just connections to succeed, 'Bob says.' However, it was clear that if no one knew of your abilities, you would never have the opportunity to put your skills to the best use. In two of my three full-time job changes, a personal connection at the hiring company certainly was a benefit. I also was able to talk with knowledgeable friends about the opportunities and risks that the job change would represent."

Card organisated with a position in hand and began teaching seventh-grade English. During the tocurse of her career, she taught seventh through 10th grade, as well as 12th grade, and substituted at every level from nursery school through grade at every level from nursery school through grade at every level from through school through school through grade to the school of the sc

Now semi-retired, the Rays are putting their energy to work for Susquehanna. They've been active alumni since graduation—with Carol serving on both the alumni board and the Board of Trustees—but the Rays realized they could use the lessons they learned in their careers for the henefit of fellows dumpin and students.

"Susquehanna's alumni base has a wide range of life experiences, both professional and personal, and a willingness to share with others," says Bob. "Current students, as well as other alumni, need to establish a connection to benefit from this knowledge."

The pair, assisted by student associate Jaime Price '11, began screening alumni mentors and student mentees in the fall, and during the spring



semester, they have made and are supporting about 30 mentor-mentee matches. Moving forward, Alummi Connect aims to develop the alumni-to-alumni network in ways that enable more graduates to build, broaden and leverage relationships around what they have in common—a 5 susquehama decree.

"The program is going beautifully," Carol says.
"We have experienced the expansive rewards
contact with current SU students, as well as
alumnibeyond our contemporaries, and we
know that the network established by the Alumni
Connect program will have far-reaching impact for
individuals and the university."

For more information on the Alumni Connect program, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@susqu.edu or 570-372-4115.

Jennifer Botchie '99 is assistant director of advancement communications.

# **Snapshots**

- 1. Lester Brubaker '59, great-uncle to Ben Miller '13 (left), was on campus during Homecoming Reunion Weekend in November to celebrate his 50th class reunion. Brubaker and Miller, come from Jaroe families, and both have been fortunate that Susquehanna provides an opportunity for local students with limited financial ability to get a college education. In 1955, Susquehanna recognized Brubaker's academic ability and granted him financial aid, which he supplemented with a job as a stock boy in the Acme Supermarket, Under similar circumstances, SU is enabling Miller to follow in his
- 2. Friends met at Buzzard's Bay, Mass., in October Pictured are, from left to right: Ellen Comey '67 Bennett, Karen Hardy '67 de Laurier and Penney Graham '67 Gustafson.
- 3. Bob '69 and Carol Scherb '70 Ray visited Carol Harris '70 and Vicente Celma, her husband, in Valencia, Spain, for their daughter's wedding in October
- 4. Eight members of the Kappa Delta Aluminae Association's Philadelphia Suburban West Chapter came together for a holiday event. Pictured are, left to right, front row; Cathy Compton '81 Caulfield, Joanne Steinke '81 Faul; back row: Julie Daws '98 Shan non, Kathy Shade '80 Tacobucci, Ann Hubley '85 Fehr, Cindy Biever '81 Weston, Also members of the group are Julie DeMola '98 and Wendy Wesolowski '98.
- 5. SU friends got together for a beach party last summer on Long Beach Island, N.J. Pictured are, left to iright: Peter Engeler '83, Mark Beck '83, Barbara Biglow Jacobus '84, Jeff Jacobus '84, Keith Duvin '84, Sharyn Link '84 Peterson and Kevin Cook '84. Also in attendance was Mark Norberg '84.

- 6. Carrie Ratkus '91 Roberts made a trip to Tanzania, Africa, last year with her husband, Michael, and a friend. They are all nanshioners at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Charlotte, N.C., and took part in a "Living Your Strengths" journey that encompassed hiking Mt. Kilimaniaro, They made it to the summit on Sept. 25.
- 7. Carolyn Yencharis '93 Corcoran received a Fulbright Scholarship in 200B to study the German higher education system and society through the Fulbright International Education Administrators Program. Corcoran is pictured here in Potsdam with the Palace of Sans Souci in the background. Corcoran has also volunteered as a chaperone for service trips to Peru, Guyana and Sacramento, Calif., with groups from Misercordia University, where she is the assistant director of career development and the studyabroad adviser.
- 8. Donna Ross '99 and Charlie Biehler '66 met in October while on a Mediterranean cruise. Charlie and his wife, Susan, along with Donna and John Wolfe, were among a group who toured the Côte d'Azur resort towns of Villefranche. Nice and Fze before heading on to Monaco and Monte Carlo. The group also toured the Amalfi Coast in Salerno, Italy; Cinque Terre, Italy; Rome; Pompeii; and Barcelona, Spain. Donna lives in
- 9. Alexis Adamovich '01 Thornton recently completed a summer program for French teachers in Grenoble, France. She lived and studied at a university throughout July thanks to a grant from the French Cultural Embassy. Thornton teaches French and Spanish at Putnam Valley (N.Y.) High School.
- 10. Candice Semasek '06 and her boyfriend, Jeff Bozarth, posed in front of Virgin Galactic's VSS Enterprise. Jeff is an avionics engineer for Scaled Composites and is designing the software that will run aboard the spacecraft.
- 11. Steve Anderson '85 (center) was fortunate to have Jon Kunhardt '09 (right) to help him coach the boys cross country team at Deerfield Academy last fall. The team benefited from Kunhardt's enthusiasm and competitive experience.























# Wedding Album

- 1. Brian O'Grady '93 married Jana Zissette on Oct, 17 at the First Baotist Church in Charleston, S.C. Jason Coxall '93 was in attendance, Brian is an employee accounts supervisor with Verizon Wireless in Wilmington, N.C., and Jana is a consultant with World. They live in Wilmington, N.C.
- 2. Cheryl Fell '00 married Tom Tourish on Nov. 1, 2008, in Hazelton, Pa. Cheryl is a certified public accountant and tax manager with Towers Perrin in Philadelphia. They live in Wayne, Pa. Pictured are, left to right, first row: Craig Wallis '00, Dana Makowski '00 Wallis, Courtney Hoover '00 Kelly and Chad Emerich '00; second row; Korri Tomosovich '00 Schwartz, Katie Federico '03, Kirsten Dohner '00 Minto, Sarah Costello '00 Westervelt, Shawna Trout '00, Amanda Roenigk '99 Fabian and Heather Howard '00 Homan: third row: Gabe Schwartz '99, Matt Cerimele '99, Damon Dillman '99, Brad Minto '99, Lauren Easterly '00 Adair, Denia Hahn '00 Gloss, Susan Trella '01, Amy Harrington '02 Jezorwski and John Jezorwski '02; fourth row: Robyn Lettich '00, Michelle Bryan '00 and Karolyn Sadowski '00; back row: Casey Segen '00, Steve Rhoads '02, Tom Bozman '00, Tom and Cheryl, Briam Robinson '00 and Jennifer Ashton '00 Robinson. Also in attendance were Stacy Park '00 Thomas and Mike Thomas '02.
- 3. Nadja Mair '00 married Glen Mitchell on Oct. 2 in New York City. The reception was held at the penthouse of the Hotel on Rivington. Pictured are, left to right: Jen and Nate Wohlheiter '00, Nadja and Glen, Sandi Bromborsky 'OO and her fiance, Mike Gruehl.
- 4. Amanda Jellen '02 married Tyler Dumont '01 on Sept. 20 in Jaffrey, N.H. Amanda and Tyler honeymooned in San Francisco and reside in the Jamaica Plain section of Boston, Mass. Amanda is pursuing a career in both classical singing and organic farming. Tyler is a software engineer in Cambridge, Mass. Pictured are, left to right: Crawford Forbes '03, Jason Wolfe '99, Lindsay McComas '03, Jesse Wright-Fitzgerald '02, Melissa Wells' 01 Felter, Jamie Felter '99, Amanda and Tyler, Drew Hardick '01 (groomsman), Debbie Bartle '00 Hardick, Nathan Troup '02 (attendant to the bride) Ryan Kaisoglus '01, Ryan Dumont '95 (brother of the groom and groomsman), Amy Kriebel '02 Portzline (bridesmaid) and Jon Portzline '02.

- 5. Brittaney Snoke '02 married Scott Ortland in August. The wedding was held in York, Pa. Pictured are, left to right, front row: Kate VanCott '02 Hoffman, Brittaney and Scott and Randy Hayes '02, second row: Caryn Young '03, Jenna Armstrong '03 Gregory, Nicole Azar '03, Jenny Shearer '02 Topol, Michelle Badorf '02 Litsky, Carrie King '02 Braman, Lydia Steward '02, Glenn Lester '00 and Courtney Lewis '02: third row: Jenn Ashton '00 Robinson, Brian Robinson '00, Matt Woolley '00, Enc Hoffman '02, John Claus '02, Jeremy Litzbauer '02 and Lon Braman '02.
- 6. Zigmas Kaknevicius '03 married Andrea Newman on June 7, 2008, at the St. Rose of Lima Church in Massapequa, N.Y. SU alumni in attendance were Sam Snyder '05 (best man), Jose Arrieta '03 (groomsman), Rob Dombroski '05 (groomsman), Marie Maradeo '03, Chris Baker '03, Cota Green '03 and Sean James '03. After completing their master's degrees in business administration at Long Island University, Ziq and Andrea went to work in the finance field in Connecticut.
- 7. Kerin Luneberg '04 married Gerard Hamel on May 16 at Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church in Ashburn, Va. A reception was held at the Belmont Country Club in Ashburn, Attendees included Nick Fisfis '04 and Phil Falvo '04' Kerin is the assistant director of co-curriculum at the Madeira School in McLean, Va. She is also the field hockey and softball coach at Madeira. Gerry, a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University. is a software developer at Oceans' Edge in Herndon, Va. They honeymooned in Turks & Caicos Islands and live in Oak Hill Va.
- 8. Stephanie Ihnat '05 married Adam Speakman '04 on Oct. 4, 2008, in Langhorne, Pa. SU alumni in attendance were, left to right, back row: Nick Zingone '05, Keith Ramsey '02 and Carl Steidel '03; middle row: Phil Hyman '05, Brian Fleming '05, Marissa Scott '05 Fleming, Bill Grose '04, Evan Shuey '04 and Josh Wilson '04; front row: Abigail Harvey '05, Jessica Manning '03, Stephanie and Adam and Sarah Clark '04 Wilson; seated on floor: Sara Senchak '05 Khan, Corey Neifert and Jody Guillemette '04 Steidel
- Christopher Mothershed '06 married Kristen Meisner on Aug. 8 in Nashua, N.H. Chris is a business analyst at Liberty Mutual Group in Weston, Mass. Pictured are, left to right, Bryan Meier '06, Shelly Reppert '06, Kristen and Chris, Sharon Hodge '06 Schmidt, Bud Schmidt '06 and Dante Viglino '06. Becky Steiner '06 was also in attendance.
- 10. Jaclyn Heffner '09 married Lance Cpl. Andrew Feather on Aug. 22.



# Regional Chapter News

During the event, Laura Baker '06, for mer marketing director for the chapter, was honored and thanked for her achievement, leadership and service to the Philadelphia region. The chapter also expresses its gratitude to Kat Swift '02, member of the Pyramid Club, for making this event possible.

If you are interested in getting involve d with the Philadelphia chapter, please contact Bob Campbell '79 at PhillyAlumni@susqu.edu.



#### NEW YORK CITY NYCAlumni@susqu.edu

1. Florence Putterman, long-time friend of Susquehanna University, will showcase her work at the Walter Wickiser Gallery in New York City from April 24 to May 19, Putterman's Myriad Legends V will be among the pieces shown in the exhibition. The New York City Alumni Chapter will gather for an opening reception, held in Putterman's honor, on May 6. For more information, visit www.sualum.com

Contact Anne Stankiewicz '06 at NYCAlumni@susqu.edu for more information about getting involved with the New York City Alumni Chapter.



#### CENTRAL PA HarrisburgAlumni@susqu.edu

The Central PA Regional Chapter is planning to see Bye. Bye Birdie at the Harrisburg. Theatre in June. Discounted tickets will be available to members. The chapter is also planning a gathering at the Hollywood Casino this spring. For more information, visit SUBridge at www.sualum.com.

Are you located in Central Pennsylvania? The chapter needs your help planning and marketing events. Contact Gedd Schweikert '95 at HarrisburgAlumni@susqu.edu for more information on getting involved in the chapter.



#### PHILADELPHIA PhillyAlumni@susqu.edu

2. Destination 2013 was held Jan. 27 at the Pyramid Club in downtown Philadelphia. President L. Jay Lemons spoke about the future of the university and heard from numerous alumni about their time at Susquehanna. Students and parents also attended the event. Pictured are, left to right: Joan Haefle, Kristen Konski '10, Nathan Snyder '02 and Margaret Robertson P'11.



- 3. In January, the Washington, D.C., chapter attended the men's and women's basketball games against The Catholic University of America. A group gathered in orange and maroon to cheer on fellow Crusadiers. The women fell to the Cardinals, 55-45, but the men came away with a 76-67 win.
- 4. The chapter had a busy spring semiester. Members met at BlackFinn on Feb. 16 for a happy hour. They also participated in a Destination 2013 event in Washington, D.C., and toured two northern Virginia wineriles. Pictured are, left to right: Laura Donahoe '08, Tracy Januzzi '07 and Jamie Boone '07.

If you're interested in joining the Washington, D.C., chapter, please contact RJ Martucci '06 at DCAlumni@susqu.edu.



#### PITTSBURGH PittsburghAlumni@susqu.edu

Alumni enjoyed bratwurst, sauerkra ut and other German favorites at the Hofbrauhaus, where they celebrated the official organization of the Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter

Congratulations to those alumni chosen to serve on the Pittsburgh Executive Board: Aaron Billger '91, president

Jared Gorentz '03, vice president Valerie Franks '02, secretary

Michael Kelly '01, treasurer Kaycee Cleveland '99 Palko, marketing director Kevin Barley '97, membership coordinator

If you're still interested in getting involved with the chapter or meeting alumni in the Pittsburgh region, contact Aaron Billger '91 at PittsburghAlumni@susqu.edu.



### **Welcome New Chapters**

Then there were seven! We are adding two new chapters. New England and New Jersey will become our newest alumni chapters in 2010. Officers have been elected, but there are still plenty of ways to get involved.

- Event Planning Committee: Are you connected to certain venues in your region? Do you like planning events and gatherings? Work with the invector of marketing in your region to plan and organize different gatherings.
- Public Relations and Marketing: Are you a natural when it comes to taking to people on the phone? Do you enjoy publicize a events and opportunities? Help the chapter spread news to alumni in the region by participating in the Public Relations and Marketing Committee.
- Recruiting Students: Are you a big fan of Susquehanna? Do you enjoy felling others about your Susquehanna experience? Helis our admissions team recruit students in your region by participating in the Alumni and Parent Admissions Network (APAIN).
- Alumni Mentorship Program: Does the economy have you worried about the job market? Could you offer career advice to current students and alumni? Sign up to be an alumni mentor and help your fellow Susquehannans during this difficult recession.

If you answered yes to any of the questions above, contact Kristin Vought '07, assistant director of alumni relations, at vought@susqu.edu, and she will put you in touch with a representative from your region.

Congratulations to the Central PA, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., chapters for marking their first anniversaries this spring. The Susquehanna community greatly appreciates your leadership and service to alumni in the region. Keep up the great work!

# Deaths

Joseph Serling '32, Pompano Beach, Fla., Aug. 31. He was a graduate of Pittston High School, Susquehanna University and Dickinson School of Law. He practiced real estate law in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., for more than 65 years, helping numerous Luzerne County residents buy their homes. He served as treasurer of Temple B'nai B'rith and helped arrange the financing for its move from Wilkes-Barre to nearby Kingston. He was one of the oldest members of the Luzerne County Bar Association and was a member of Palm-Aire Country Club in Pompano Beach and other professional and religious organizations.

Marian Walborn '33 Worthington, Venice, Fla., Nov. 22,

Josephine Pifer '34 Bleakley, Hanover, N.H., Jan. 3, 2009. She became a public school music teacher and then a caseworker for the Department of Public Assistance. Subsequently she received a master's degree in social work from the University of Pittsburgh and worked for Travelers Aid Society of Pittsburgh, She also worked at the Children's Aid Society in Oil City, Pa. Bleakley sat on the boards of the Franklin Hospital in New Hampshire and the Venango County (Pa.) Mental Health Center. She was a member of the Wednesday Club, the Venango County Historical Society and the Franklin Club.

Donald Henry '35, Dallas, Texas, June 12, 2005.

Evelyn Leeser '37 Shipe, Oct. 27. She retired from the Shikellamy School District, where she worked as the home school visitor. She was a member and past president of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Ray Kline '38, Beaver Springs, Pa., Nov. 30. He owned and operated Kline Motors in Beaver Springs for 50 years. He was a lifetime active member of Christ Church, where he served as Sunday school superintendant, teacher and board member. He was a charter member of the

West Snyder Rotary Club and a member of American Legion Post 23, Kline was actively involved in his community and, at the time of his passing, was serving on the board of the Snyder County Higher Education Authority. He served four years in the U.S. Army during World War II, including assignments in the South Pacific. Kline enjoyed vacationing at his home in Florida and was an avid golfer.

John Milton Reichard '47, Dec. 5, Burlington, N.C.

Nevin Shaffer '49, Allentown, Pa., Jan. 20. He was a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was awarded the Purple Heart for his service after being wounded by a gunshot to the chest during combat in Germany. Following graduation from Susquehanna University, he studied dentistry at the University of Pennsylvania Dental School. He opened an Allentown dental practice in 1951 and continued operating the private office until retiring in 1990. He served as president of the Lehigh Valley Dental Society and the Second District Dental Society. He received the Dr. Francis Trembly Award for outstanding service to oral health of the community. He was an active member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Allentown, where he served as a lector and usher for 50 years. He was a member of Brookside Country Club in Macungie, Pa., and the Allentown Kiwanis Club.

Donald Minnich '50, Alliance, Ohio, March 23, 2009. Minnich played football at Susquehanna for four years under coach Amos Alonzo Stagg Sr. He worked as a salesman, then regional manager for Wolf's Head Oil Co. He then moved to Ohio where he also became a real estate developer. Minnich was a member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters for 20 years. He also was a member of the Union Avenue United Methodist Church in Alliance, A member of his local Masonic lodge, Minnich enjoyed fishing in Canada, spending time with his grandchildren and going to Bear Hollow

Lodge. A U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, Minnich served as a B-17 pilot during World War II, flying 88 missions including Iwo Jima, Tinnian and Sai Pan.

Joseph Condon '53, Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 6. Condon was retired from Barclays Bank in New Rochelle, N.Y., where he was vice president. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was in ducted into the Susquehanna University Sports Hall of Fame for excellence in basketball and baseball. He was past president of the New Rochelle Javcees. the Lion's Club and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and he served on the advisory board for Iona College. He was an avid golfer and tennis player, and enjoyed traveling, taking daily walks and spending time will his family.

Donald Walter '53, Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 25. He played football under coach Amos Alonzo Stagg Sr. He entered the U.S. Navy and served as an officer aboard the USS Worchester from 1953 to 1956 Following his service in the Navy, Walter taught physics at Bucknell University and earned a master's degree in 1958. He went on to work for 30 years in Bell Telephone's various engineering groups, including the Bell Telephone Laboratories in Murray Hill, N. I., where he retired in 1988. His interests included golf, hunting, fishing, woodworking and spending time at his winter home in Sun Lakes, Ariz, He was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lancaster.

The Rev. Charles Coates '55, Montoursville, Pa., Dec. 4. Coates was a retired pastor of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). He was a graduate of Bloomsburg High School who, upon completing his undergraduate education at Susquehanna, earned a Master of Divinity degree from Gettysburg Seminary. A fter his ordination in 1958, he began a long career of service. As a Lutheran minister, Coates served churches in Clark stown, Elysburg, Williamsport and other locations in Pennsylvania and

Maryland. He was a troubleshooting assistant to the bishop for parishes in distress, and served as secretary of the Upper Susquehanna Synod for six years. He served on the state and national boards of the Non-profit Nursing Home Association, Williamsport's Hope Enterprises, Camp Mount Luther Corp. and Susquehanna University. He was also a former administrator of the Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village in Lewisburg

In his prime, Coates was an outstanding athlete. He was a league homerun leader at Bloomsburg High School and a Small College All-American football lineman at Susquehanna, where he played under legendary football coach Amos Alonzo Stagg Sr. He was well known and appreciated for his excellent sermons and musical ability. He was proficient on piano, guitar, accordion, mandolin and ocarina, and his musical performances as an "attested harmonica therapist" were hilarious.

Ruth Brobst '56 Johnson, Vineland, N.L. Nov. 21. She taught music in the Maurice River Township School District for more than 30 years. She was a member of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Vineland for 44 years and often played piano for the church choir.

Clayton E. "Max" Leach '56, Wyomissing Hills, Pa., Oct. 23, Leach was a member of Theta Chi fraternity. He served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1959. Leach taught business education for two years at Salisbury Elk-Lick High School in Salisbury, Pa. He was chairman of the business education department at Schuylkill Valley High School in Leesport, Pa., where he taught from 1962 until his retirement in 1991. At Schuvlkill Valley, he was a dedicated adviser to the Future Business Leaders of America, an organization through which he inspired many young people to achieve their goals. After his retirement from Schuylkill Valley, he became executive director of Pennsylvania Future Business Leaders of America, from which he retired in 1998. Max enjoyed time spent

with his family and friends and was an all-around mischief-maker whose sense of humor is fondly remembered. He is survived by his wife, Lucian Smith '54 Leach, a son, Clayton E. Leach III '82, a daughter, Suzanne Leach '84 Magrowski, and a brother, John R. Leach '48, a former Susquehanna professor.

Melvyn C. Finkelstein '60, Hampden Township, Pa., Dec. 28. He retired from Aetna/Travelers Property & Casualty Insurance after 30 years as an auditor. He was a devoted civic leader, serving as a Hampden Township commissioner for 33 years, 18 of which he served as president. He was a police commissioner for all 33 years. He also was a liaison to the Recreation Department and Planning Commission and a member of the Hampden Township Sewer Authority. He served as president of the Hampden Township Civil Service Commission, He was a lifetime member of the Hampden Township Volunteer Fire Co., as well as a member of the Elks and the Lions clubs He enjoyed time with his family, fishing in Canada, hunting for sharks teeth in Florida and traveling. He was a lifetime fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and an avid Phillies fan. He is survived by his wife. Jane Kistner '61 Finkelstein.

Philip Maize Clark '62, South Ambov. N.I., Ian, 15. He is survived by a sister, Priscilla Clark '66 Bashore, and her husband. Larry '66, and a niece. Iill Bashore '90.

Pamela Kishpaugh '65 Miller, Elizabethtown, Pa., Dec. 6. She will be remembered for her friendliness, her optimism, her fighting spirit and her beautiful smile. She lived her life to serve God, care for her loved ones and make a difference to those she met by being a thoughtful and giving person. She was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Elizabethtown, where she participated in Bible studies and the handbell choir. She liked helping others and was an active volunteer for Meals-On-Wheels and the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey. Pa. She was very proud of the part she

played in raising a puppy for The Seeing Eve. She enjoyed reading and vacationing in Canada and the Outer Banks, but her true joy was spending time with her family, friends and pets.

Harriet Horn '69 O'Connor, Tannersville, Pa., Dec. 10. She worked in merchandising and was the owner and director of Teddy Bear Kids Daycare Center in Tannersyille. She was active in Girl Scouts and supported the Southwest Indian Reservation and Special Olympics.

Bonnie Shockey '70, Moorestown, N.J., Sept. 2. Shockey was a lifelong resident of Moorestown. She was a graduate of Moorestown High School, where she received honors in field hockey and lacrosse. She was an avid history buff and proudly traced her family roots to before the Revolutionary War. She was an advocate of animal rights and a longtime member of the Humane Society.

Alice Swaboski '74, Philadelphia, Pa., May 17. Alice was employed as a music teacher at Hamilton Disston Elementary School in Philadelphia.

Ronald Pritsch '75, Springfield, Pa., Jan. 19, 2009.

Paul J. Pavlishin Jr. '86, Aurora, Ill., Nov. 13. Paylishin died at home after a courageous seven-year battle with a brain tumor. He grew up in the Philadelphia area, where he graduated from Council Rock High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science in chemistry from Susquehanna University and received a master's degree in business administration from Drexel University. He was most recently employed by Fannie Mae in Chicago, Paul was a member of SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Naperville, Ill., and St. George Byzantine Catholic Church in Aurora. He loved Philadelphia sports teams, especially the Eagles, Phillies and Flyers, and was an enthusiastic supporter of the Aurora Stars baseball team. He is survived by his father, Paul I. Paylishin Sr. '64, and a brother. John P. Pavlishin '88.

# **End Notes**

# Finding a Home Away From Home

By Mouluddin "Dean" Rahimi '10

In a country like Afghanistan, opportunities are scarce. After the 10-year Soviet occupation, Afghanistan fell into civil war. It was one of the bloodiest wars in the country's contemporary history.

When a nation is at war with itself, there is little attention to education. In fact, children were afraid to go to school for fear fighting would break out in the streets. But for me, this was a golden time for my education in Afghanistan. Then the Taliban took over our school, handcuffed our teachers and threatened us if we came back to school to study.

The future seemed hopeless in a country where going to school was banned. But I wasn't going to let anyone else determine my future. I took control of my destiny and persuaded my father to send me to Pakistan to finish my education.

For nearly a year, I attended Allama Igbal Pak-Turk International Schools & Colleges, one of the best schools in Pakistan at the time. I returned to Afghanistan to finish high school in late 2001 after the United States military overthrew the Taliban. After graduating from Mazar-I-Sharif International Afghan-Turk High School in 2004, I put my English and computer skills to work as a database manager for the International Committee of the Red Cross. From there, I took a position as an English teacher at a local educational center, where I was recruited by L-3 Communications, a security contractor working with the U.S. Army,

Working as a consultant and an interpreter at a U.S. Army base really toughened me up, but I also formed great relationships with the soldiers. I remember my friend, Capt. Jack Jarvis, drawing a map of the United States on the ground with his finger one day. He showed me where his hometown of Atlanta was located and talked about how much he missed having turkey for Thanksgiving. I later traveled to that spot on the map and spent my first Christmas in America with his family.

I was convinced I wanted to go to college in America, but I didn't know where I would end up or how I would pay for my education. After doing a little research on higher education in the United States, I found that scholarships were my only answer. I simply had to go to a school that had scholarships for international students. Fortunately, Susquehanna was one of those schools.

Although I hadn't seen Susquehanna in person before, when I arrived on campus in August 2006, I was extremely proud of my decision to come here. It was green, peaceful and seemed like home at first sight.

During these last four years, Susquehanna has become an integral part of my life. Its people have become like family, helping me through the difficulties that I've faced. My



work with the U.S. Army had put me in danger; returning to Afghanistan would mean facing almost certain retribution by the insurgency. So when my father unexpectedly passed away, I could not go home to be with my family. And later, following the crackdown on air travel in response to the Christmas Day bombing attempt, my ethnicity hindered my ability to travel to India to help my mother through a serious illness. But through it all, my Susquehanna family was there for me, lending me their support and assistance at every turn.

This is the kind of place Susquehanna tries to be for every student. It is small enough to make close relationships with faculty and senior administrators possible, yet big enough for students to learn about the world of opportunities that await its graduates. From the classroom to experiential learning opportunities like working as director of trading systems in the trading room of the Sigmund Weis School of Business. Susquehanna has prepared me to succeed in any career path I decide to take, including helping rebuild my homeland's economy in the coming years.

Susquehanna provides an impeccable experience for every student who spends four years here and then calls it home for a lifetime. This is evident in the way alumni come back to Susquehanna and want to see their home grow and become a leading higher education institution in the country. And I'm proud that I will soon be one of those alumni. ~

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Meet Old Friends and Reconnect With Campus

It's a do-it-vourself weekend where you and your closest college friends can spend a leisurely weekend on campus or join some of the reunions already in the works:

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- Resident Assistants and Head Residents
- Basketball Alumni
- Education Maiors
- Regional Chapter Leaders Sumi
- · Celebrating 50 years with Fred Grosse
- Football Alumni Association Golf Tournament

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Susquehanna University's new strategic plan seeks to strengthen alumni connections. Learn how this engagement benefits alumni.



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Eighty-year-old Ela Stein Weissberger shares her story of sadness and survival as a Jewish detalnee in Terezín concentration camp during World War II.

# The First Word

By L. Jay Lemons, President



As the Changing Lives, Building Futures campaign draw to a close this summer, I was resumded of a magazine article I once read written by Alex Haley. It was sometime after Haley had released his iconic novel Roots: The Saga of an American Family. In the article, Haley expressed tremendous gratitude for his forebearers. I was in my college years at the time, but Haley's sense of indebtedness to his

ancestors was palpable, and it got me thinking about my own heritage. I decided I, too, should find some way to express my appreciation to my ascendants.

The tokens of appreciation I chose were simple and direct: hand-carved wooden letters—one for my parents and one for each set of my grandparents—engraved with the words, "Thank You." Volumes were spoken in those two words especially for someone like me who has been truly blessed by a loving and supportive family. In the decades that have followed, Haley's wisdom has become ever more meaningful for me. At the passing of my grandparents, these tokens were returned to me, and it is my joy again to pass them along to others.

So it was on June 30, when the Changing Lives, Building Putures campaign closed with a total of \$75.1 million, that the first two words to come to mind were "thank you." I extend that basic yet fundamentally important message to each and every one of the owner time 1,000 alumin, penents and friends who supported the campaign. Whether you pledged \$5 or \$10 million, rest assured that your gift is making a difference in the lives of Susquehama students.

The new "green" science building, which opened in March with the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences as

its first occupants, provides students with more a structed Literatory and beaching space. It is preparing students for careery in the critical science professions of the 21st century while also contributing to the university's commitment to sustainability. The departments of biology and chemistry moved in this summer, and we look forward to formally dedicating the building on Oct. 23 during Homecoming Reunion Weekend. As planned, our next capital project is a renovation of Fisher Hall. The building will continue to house the departments of psychology and physics, while making space for the departments of music education, math, sociology and English, and the centers for career services and academic achievement.

In addition to the new science facility, donors contributed new resources in support of endowment and program goals and financial aid for students. By supporting endowment and peogram goals, donors help us ensure the leng-term quality and vitality of Susquehanna's teaching, research and community pursuits. In particular, campaign supporters have helped champion the new Central Curriculum and provide the means by which we continue to develop the innovative Global Opportunities (GO) cross-cultural program.

best and brightest to Susquehanna. Last year, 624 first-year students joined the Susquehanna family. Of them, 42 percent were in the top one-fifth of their high school classes and 23 percent were in the top one-tenth. Fourteen were the valedictorians or salutatorians of their classes, and more than 70 enrolled in Susquehanna's competitive Honors Program. This year, we're blessed to welcome more than 640 equally talented first-year students to campus, many of whom would not be here without the generosity of those who support our financial aid programs.

Moreover, donor support stands as a testament to the admiration alumni have for their alma mater. Their support is a strong indicator of the confidence they place in the direction and future of the institution. This became acutely evident over the last six months of the campaign when alumni far exceeded the Board of Trustees' Everyl Counts Million Dollar Alumni Challenge. A total of 1,983 over alumni donors—on a target of 1,500—rose to the challenge and secured \$1.1 million months.



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Donors earned another \$2 million for the campaign after they met and then exceeded the second phase of the board's challenge, a matching challenge that ultimately netted \$5 million in total contributions-\$2 million pledged by the Board of Trustees and \$3 million in matching gifts.

The first stage of the Million Dollar Alumni Challenge, resulting in the \$1.1 million gift from the Board of Trustees, demonstrated the importance of small yet consistent giving. It's easy to think that your \$10 or \$20 a year won't make a difference, but it does, and the campaign is proof. We received more than 9,000 gifts of \$25 or less during the campaign, but together they totaled nearly \$200,000, which will be used to support a variety of initiatives over the next seven years. For instance, it could provide 84 percent of a student's four-year tuition costs or the cost of a primary piece of science equipment. It can underwrite the average travel expenses for more

than 20 students a year to participate in service-learning trips or support the attendance of about 30 students a year at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research. The opportunities are virtually endless when the power of collective giving comes to bear on an institution.

I cannot express my gratitude enough to all those who joined together to make small gifts count in big ways. Nor can I forget the tremendous generosity of those who committed leadership gifts to the campaign. These donors are the roots from which the rest of the Susquehanna community branched out and took the campaign over the top. And although I cannot send along 10,000 wooden carvings to the members of the Susquehanna family who contributed to the Changing Lives, Building Futures campaign, be assured my gratitude is etched in the university's commitment to mold today's students into the leaders and difference-makers of tomorrow. So . . . Thank You!



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# **CREATING A HABITAT WHERE SCIENCE THRIVES**

"When we started thinking about shaping this building, I looked at it the same way a biologist would look at an ecosystem. In the same way that a lot of things create an ecosystem and put it in proper balance, there are a lot of things that influence a building's shape and create the context."

It's move-in day for the chemistry department, and Professor of Chemistry Chris Janzen is being asked where he would like to place an end table, Janzen's office is still rather bare, with all the shelves empty, but the adjacent hallway looks like a haphazard flea market. Computers, a minierfigerator and odd pieces of furriture are strewn about, waiting for final resting places. No one is complaining about the chaos, though. It's taken 10 years, dozens of design plans and innumerable decisions, but today all 23 members of the departments of chemistry, biology, and earth and environmental sciences have finally claimed their spaces in Susquehanna's new 81,000-square-foot science building, and already it feels like home.

Eco, or the Greek oikos, means the home, and ecology is the science of how living creatures interact within their home, their environment. Adapting to their accommodations in the new science building—with its 19 teaching and research labs. 30 prep and support spaces, three student resource rooms and rooftop greenhouse—should be fairly easy for faculty, staff and students, since it was designed specifically to meet their professional, academic and yery human needs.

# PURPOSEFULLY PROGRAMMED

"There aren't a lot of places where you get the opportunity to design your own building and move in. It's a once-in-a-generation sort of thing, it's like building a home; you usually do it once."
—Tom Peeler, associate professor of biology, science building committee member

Before the first shoved of dirt was turned over, administration and faculty spent long hours with design "programmers"— professionals who help translate a riot of needs, wants and high-flying fintasies into rooms, fixtures and furniture that will help a building's occupants thrive. Mark Seely, of Strategie Building Solutions LLC, and Karen Boyd, of Butler Rogers Baskett, were charged with defining spaces that would support a growing student body, provide flexible workspace and storage, encourage collaboration and, in general, make inhabitants comfortable. Architect Garcy Shane, of STV Architects Inc., and lab designer Tony Alferia, associate principal with Perkins+Will, also loined the process.

"We started by taking a look at what [faculty and students] currently had, then talked about what their needs would be in the future," Shane says. "We started out talking to department heads, and then we talked to whole departments at a time, and then to individuals who would be using those spaces."

Along with visions of a science utopia, there were practical considerations. The former science building, Fisher Hall, had been built in the early 1960s, and an early 1990s renovation was intended to support an enrollment of about 1,350 students.

With current enrollments exceeding 2,200, and laboratory science majors increasing by 66 percent over the last two decades, room to breathe was an elemental need. The way science is taught had changed, too. Conventional lecture had given way to collective inquiry, lab activity and learning by doing, but Fisher Hall wan't designed for the new pedagogy.

"You can stand up in front of a class and deliver a lecture, where students are scribbling down every bit of perceived wisdom. That has its place," Jansen says. "But you can also have a 'guided inquiry' process, a discovery, a workshop, a seminar. Students learn best when they discover for themselves. Fisher, even the new part, was designed in a time when most science education was taught with the 'here is what you need to know approach. a lecture approach."



The result is a number of lecture-labs in the new building, combined spaces that are part classroom, with whiteboards and multimedia equipment, and part lab, with workbenches and scientific equipment readily at hand. Instructors can talk for 15 minutes, guide students through a related experiment, have small-group discussion around an activity, and return to lecture seamlessiv.

Beyond flexible teaching space, other needs surfaced that revealed common functions and activities well suited to shared rooms. Rather than request specific rooms, such as a lab or classroom, faculty members expressed their needs in terms of functions and teaching methods and let Alfieri determine how to combine like lists into spaces that accommodated several instructors and researchers, even across disciplines.

Faculty offices also invited input. "There were a lot of options, and we were asked which ones we wanted, versus [being shown tol your office in Fisher, and you lived in it," Peeler says. "We had people who were in former closets, so once you're given some choices, those become really interesting conversations."

# MORE ROOM, WITH A VIFW

"This space is going to let us breathe, and grow and be better at what we already do well." - Chris lanzen, professor of chemistry, department chair and science building committee member

Compared to their former digs, the new science building, to its thrilled occupants, is the Tai Mahal, Chemistry, Biology, and Earth and Environmental Sciences each has its own floor. rather than a corner here, a nook there. Faculty relish war stories about how cramped their lives once were

"We had an attic overflowing with equipment and materials, and storage extending along the hallways," says Terry Winegar, professor of psychology and dean of the School of Natural and Social Sciences and professor of psychology. "We were using offices for department meetings. We would modify spaces repeatedly, cutting a computer lab into two office spaces, turning a hallway into a student resource area. We even tried to use space in the utility closets."

"We went from five to 10 faculty in Fisher, but we still had the same space," says Tom Peeler, "So we took teaching labs and just divided them up into lab space and research space. We got to the point where we were teaching four or five different labs in one space-ecology and human anatomy and something else all in the same room. So people had to carry all their stuff in to teach, then carry it all back out, because the next person had to come in and set up."

"That laboratory wasn't well suited for a lot of the types of research that were going on," adds Janzen. "There was a great deal of cross-contamination, stuff would disappear. When you're doing trace metal analysis, it's not an ideal situation."

"Space wise, the two chemistry lab spaces that we had in Fisher would fit into half of one of our labs in this building." says Derek Straub, associate professor of earth and environmental sciences.

In the new building, glass providing both interior and exterior views gives the impression of yet more room. "Our student resource room is glassed in," says Kathy Straub, associate professor of earth and environmental sciences. "[Faculty members] keep our doors open most of the time. The glass makes everything feel very open."

"The thing I noticed right from the beginning is seeing out," Peeler says. "I just love the views, the light. A lot of science buildings are designed to be very efficient with space, because the space is so expensive; the square footage itself is much higher just for ventilation purposes. [In those buildings,] you get a square with a lot of internal rooms that have no windows. So I liked this building for that right away. Just walking through, it makes you feel good."



# **ADAPTABLE** SPACES **FOR SHARED DISCOVERY**

"Science is not about an individual, lone scientist deep of a dark

Science at Susquehanna truly is a community effort. Faculty does at least one full year of collaborative research), faculty



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"Collaboration takes place not only in the teaching labs, but in the corridors, the alcoves, the atrium space and the entrance space that we have in this building," Shane points out. "There are seating nooks, and the café at the base of the atrium, where there are tables and seating, and a patio that allows outdoor collaboration as well."

# CONTRIBUTING TO THE WHOLF

"Everybody recognizes that when one department gets stronger, the other departments get stronger because of it." - Chris Janzen

students, not students over here and faculty over there." "We have to play well together," Janzen says. "And that is one of the things that Susquehanna does better than any other place I've been associated with. The sciences play very well together. And we collaborate on research, we share resources, we support each other's needs for capital equipment."

scholarship is going on, and it's going on between faculty and

In the new building, the cross-pollination isn't always so structured. "We designed social spaces into the building," Janzen savs. "Each department has its own student resource room [next to the faculty offices]. There are computers and reference materials, but it's also a place for the students to hang out.

When scientists aren't joining forces, they often are focused on individual specialties that contribute to the larger body of knowledge. These pursuits require dedicated space and the right, accessible equipment. It might be a "mudroom" right off the loading dock, where those who do field work in rivers and streams can conveniently store waders, rakes and other tools of their trade. For Janzen, whose specialties include inorganic and environmental chemistry, it's quiet fume hoods and high-purity water at every sink where he might want to

Derek Straub is thrilled to have his air quality measurement equipment out from under the football stadium, where it was housed for his first semester at SU. "In the new building." there is an air quality sampling area up on the roof," he explains. "There's an indoor area where I can put some continuous gas phase samplers, measuring ozone and carbon monoxide and sulphur dioxide. And there's a little outdoor area where I can put pumps and filter packs and things like that to get integrated samples. So I have space to do both of those things, which will be very useful for both research and teaching."

Some biologists, too, do work that is better kept apart. "The other biologists in the building are mostly ecology," Peeler explains. "Tony [Alfieri] had started out with an open design for their labs, and they didn't feel like that

was appropriate for their work. They were each doing such different things, and they weren't using common equipment. So their part of this floor is their individual labs.

"We have one faculty member, [Associate Professor of Biologyl Carlos Indica, who does vertebrate natural history, more or less. He's sometimes here opening up covote stomachs to see what they've been eating. That's not really something you do in a big common lab and expect other people to hang around. And if [Professor of Biology] Matt Persons is studying spider behavior, it's hard to do if someone is gutting a coyote (nearby). We tried to keep it flexible, but at the same time, we did base it on what people were doing and the kinds of things they needed to be successful scholars."





Sufficiently fueled, faculty and staff may be inspired to bike to work or take a run during lunch hour. A spacious, stylish shower room on the first floor makes human-powered transport an option. Those who can't muster that much energy can still enjoy perks if their car is fuel-friendly, a designated green parking lot next to the building is available to qualifying stickered autos.

Finally, there is food for the soul, visual touches that make the everyday work of a scientist more artful. From brightly colored arches that crisscross hallway ceilings, to glass cases dis-

# SEEKING SUSTENANCE

"There's lots of outside light and lots of outside views. It seems like a very comfortable building, and I feel good walking in here."—Tom Pecler



playing glittering minerals and rocks, to windowed labs that put daily science on display, the facility ignites imagination.

"One of the important things art provides is that it makes

"One of the important things art provides is that it makes spaces come alive," Shane says. "If you go into the lobby, you'll see those twisting ribbons that are abstract DNA molecules. They are intended to make the space come alive with visual interest, color and texture. Their reflections off the glass and the transparency add considerably to the life within that space."

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# Kathy Straub, associate professor of earth and environmental sciences, and students in her Tropical Meteorology class were

among the first to use the new science building this spring.

# In the Mind of Design

In an interview with Karen Jones, lab designer Tony Alfieri, associate principal with Perkins+Will, provides insight into the strategic thinking and methodical planning behind the new science building's design.

KJ: The Perkins+Will website says, "Our design philosophy distinguishes between buildings that are merely built and buildings that are lived in." Please explain.

TA: Perkins+Will believes strongly in program-driven design: Our designs are built around the ways users will inhabit the spaces. At Susquehanna, this meant that we designed and planned the laboratories around the ways in which students and faculty learn and conduct their research.

The important thing to remember about a laboratory project is that these are spaces of inquiry and discovery. Whether in an introductory classroom or an advanced-level research lab, the spaces have to give their occupants the freedom to work safely, support them by keeping the tools they need close at hand, and, most importantly, allow them to build on each other's knowledge by talking, debating and exchanging ideas.

KJ: How are the labs flexible in terms of their use?

TA: As a small liberal arts institution. Susquehanna has to cover a broad array of scientific inquiry in a limited number of spaces. It was therefore important that there be no redundancy and that the functions of one space dovetailed cleanly into those of the space next door. The teaching laboratories were conceptualized without departmental ownership or

course assignation. We worked to include a menu of class types ranging from fume hood-intensive wet labs to open dry labs, and smaller upper-level labs to large studio labs, all with a range of sink options, bench heights and casework options. While we don't know what new course might be we can feel confident the university will have the kind of space in its inventory to

Throughout the process, the design team was continually impressed by the support the process received from senior administration. There was very clearly a vision that the new labs should support new ways of working, and that they would carry the university from good to great, from the 20th century into the 21st.

KJ: Is there anything that makes SU's labs unique or especially noteworthy?

TA: We tried to make the laboratories reflect what is special about the learning experience at Susquehanna. From what I saw, the Susquehanna experience was very much about collaborative relationships: faculty working with one another, students learning from students, and mentorship between a relatively young and vibrant faculty and an engaged student body. There was a strong belief in the value of creating lifelong learners and encouraging students to ask questions-inquire-and then discover. SU's labs were very much conceptualized to be a springboard to that kind of activity.

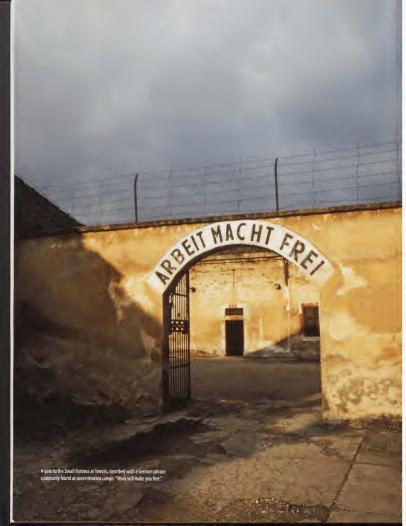
KJ: The Perkins+Will website says, "Successful projects align strategy, architecture and

definitions of the client's vision. What was SU's vision, and how did you accommodate or even enhance it?

TA: SU's vision was at once focused and vet expansive. In one sense, there was a strong desire to have better labs-safer. more attractive, more durable, and more in tune with modern learning and research styles and methodologies. At the same time, there was an awareness of the unique qualities of SU and a desire to weave that identity into the spirit of the place.

As the first new academic building to cross University Avenue, it was important for us that the building enter into a dialogue with the existing Fisher Hall. Our hope was to create a "science guad" supported by sympathetic landscaping between the two that would engage the faculty who remain in the older building. Similarly, we sought to tie the building to its place with strategic views out into the landscape to the north and the existing campus to the south. The atrium space that connects both wings was conceptualized as an outdoor room characterized by openness and transparency. It was most important that on entering, one could see through the building to the hills beyond.

Karen M. Jones is assistant director of media relations.



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# OPERA TEREZÍN

A SURVIVOR'S STORY OF HOPE AMID HORROR

By Victoria Kidd

e were singing for our lives
that we should survive,"
says Weissberger, of those
days held captive in the
former fortress town of Terezin, located
about 40 miles northwest of Prague.

Nearly 66 years later, Weissberger took the stage of Stretansky Concert Hall for Susquehanna University's performance of Brundibár and The Emperor of Allantis, an opera composed by Viktor Ullmann while imprisoned in Terezin. "The room was silent when she took the stage," asya David Steinau, associate professor of music and director of the Opera Studio. "She was the story."

The weekend-long program, titled Opera in Travelin Performance as Protest, celebrated the music and explored the history of this Jewish camp-ghetto, where the Third Reichs propaganda machine convinced the International Red Cross, and thereby the world, that it was a model Jewish settlement—a "spa camp" where the elderly and prominent European Jews, including renowned artists, musicians and composers, were relocated for their own well-being during World War II. To the Jews imprisoned there, it was known by another name—"the waiting room for Auschwitz."

#### WELCOME TO TEREZÍN

Weisberger's uncle, Otto Altenstein, clutched her arm as they shuffled through the snow, weighed down by the 110 pounds of belongings each person was allowed to bring. Weisberger and her family had no idea where they'd be sent when in February 1942 they were ordered to leave their last refuge in Prague—an apartment they had shared with two other families. They didn't know where they were when the train came to a stop outside Teredin. All they knew is that a transport guard had shouted for everyone to get off the train and start walking.

The two-mile bike to the gates of Terezin was taxing for Altenstein, A childhood illness impeded his growth, making it difficult for him to walk alone. Weissberger, then 11, dragged her heavy suitcase through the snow with one hand and helped steady her uncle's steps with the other. Ghetto guards with billy dubs

yelled, "Marchi Marchi" as they struggled to stay on their feet. When they reached Treezin, armed Nazi officers wearing swastiks armbands herded them into the once-provincial village, now barricaded and surrounded by barbed wire. When the gate closed behind them, Weissberger says, "We knew were locked up."

#### CHILDHOOD LOST

About three years before her family was sent to Terezín, 8-year-old Weissberger was awakened in the middle of the night by her mother in their small hometown of Lom u Mostu, located in Sudereinand, a border region of Czechoslovakia that one month earlier had been annexed into the Third Reich. She quickly ushered Weissberger and her older sister, Ilona, to the attic, where they hid with their mother and an aunt from the approaching mob. T still hear the drums of

Still in their pajamas, they crept through the house surveying the damage. There was broken glass everywhere. Carp from the pond in the family garden floated in the bathtub, overflowing with bloody water. Painted on the front door were the words lews Out!

The world would come to know this night as Kristallnacht, "the night of broken glass." For Weissberger, it was just one more nail in the coffin of her childhood.

The next day, the Gestapo summoned Weissberger's mother to their headquarters. They demanded that she turn over the deeds to their house, her father's procelain business and the grocery store her mother inherited from her family. She was then told to leave town or face death. When she returned home, she told her daughters they would have to leave immediately. There was no time to pack anything. Their



Ela Stein Welssberger was born in this house, located in Lom u Mostu, now part of the Czech Republic. In 1938, it was ransacked during Kristallnacht and selzed by the Gestapo.

Hitler youth as they were marching down the street," Weissberger says.

Huddled together to fend off the cold November air wafting through the attic, the foursome heard windows breaking downstairs and the sound of footsteps traipsing through the house. They hid in the attic for hours, waiting for the intruders to leave. Once the house grew quiet, they emerged, shocked and shivering, from their dank hiding spot. Uncle Vojta was waiting outside.

Sleet and freezing rain stung Weissberger's face as she and her family sped toward the Czech border in the sidecar of her Uncle Volta's motorcycle. By the time they reached the border of Czechoslovakia and occupied Sudetenland, Weissberger was nearly frozen, both physically and emotionally. Everything had changed so quickly. One day she was watching her father tend to his roses and obst chess with a friend. The next she was watch-

#### A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY

A German guard took pity on Weissberger's family when her silent terror erupted into tears at the border checkpoint between occupied Sudetenland and what was

She recalls that Prague turned ugly after the Nazis' arrival. The so-called Golden City, with its cobblestone streets, towering cathedrals and colorful town square. seemed somehow darker in those days.

It wasn't long before Jewish children were forbidden to attend public school. Weissberger watched her newfound friends walk to school together and wondered why she couldn't join them. What had she done? What was wrong with her?

Her answer came the day she was given her yellow star. It had one word on rooms. Around her, people lay sick and dying from typhus and malnutrition.

Repugnant green soup made from dried peas and bits of frozen potatoes was the only thing to eat. Elderly men and women rummaged through piles of garbage in the courtyard, searching for rotten potato peels. "They looked like walking skeletons," Weissberger says.

As the number of detainees rose in Terezin, so, too, did the death toll, Starvation and disease were the main culprits, although many political prisoners and POW's were killed there after torturous encounters with the Gestapo in the Small Fortress, built by Emperor Joseph II as part of the original 18th-century garrison town. Tens of thousands more were loaded onto cattle trains bound for the death camps in the east.

According to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum website (http://www.ushmm.org), approximately 140,000 Jews were sent to Terezin during the war. About 33,000 people died while held captive there. Nearly 90,000 of its prisoners were transported to almost certain death in the gas chambers of Auschwitz and its sister concentration camps in occupied Poland. Of the 15,000 children who passed through Terezin, approximately 13,500 perished in death camps. Although figures vary, it is estimated that only 100 to 300 children who

# SHE WOLLD WEAR THE STAR FOR THE NEXT LIVE SAVE ONE—HER COSTUME FOR BRUNDIBAR.

left of Czechoslovakia. She begged her mother to take her home, but there was no turning back and the guard surely

off her uncle's motorcycle and ran across the border.

They made their way to Prague, where they moved in with Altenstein, Weissberger's life began to resume some semblance of normality. Altenstein became a surrogate father to her. She went back to school and made new friends. Then the Nazis came to town.

One day, all the students in her school were pulled out of class to greet the Führer. Children were lined up on both sides of the street for Hitler's grand entrance. He stood up in his chauffeured convertible, heiling as he made his way down the street. Weissberger was afraid to look at him when he rode by. She thought about how his storm troopers had taken her father from their home, never to be seen again. She remembered how she and her sister would cover their ears at the very sound of Hitler's booming voice coming through the radio.

Seeing her father sitting in front of the radio listening to reports about Hitler is one of the last memories she has of him. "My father didn't think Hitler had the guts to invade Czechoslovakia," Weissberger says.

it: Iude, "Iew," She would wear the star for the next five years on every piece of clothing she had, save one-her costume

### THE PROSPECT FOR SURVIVAL.

When Weissberger arrived in Terezin, she staved in a tiny room with her mother and sister. The entire building was cold and cramped. People slept in hallways and on staircases. The smell of dysentery and disease hung in the air. Lice were rampant. Rats and bedbugs infested the



Weissberger's last class picture, taken in 1940 before the Third Reich forbade Jewish children from attending public school. Weissberger is seated in the front row, third from the left.

avoided the transports to the east lived to see Terezin's liberation in May 1945. The death toll in Terezin was so high that the Nazis built a crematorium in the camp capable of incinerating nearly 200 bodies a day.

Nearly 30 girls, all about Weissberger's age, were crammed into Room 28 of the L410 girls' harrack. The Jewish Council of Elders, a group ordered to govern the



Eva Winkler, 1945, one of Weissberger's friends from Room 28 who also survived the Holocaust.

camp under Nazi rule, set up children's "homes" where Terezin's youth would be looked after while their parents worked on forced labor details. Weissberger was sent to live in one of these so-called homes a few months after her arrival. She was fortunate enough to be assigned to Ella Pollak's room.

Pollak, whom the girls called Tella, was one of the caretakers for Room 28. She was strict, insistent upon good manners and good hygiene. She kept the windows open at night, even in the winter, because she believed the cold air killed bedbugs. She made the girls air out their ragged blankets every morning. In the evening, before nightfall when the Germans cut off the electricity to the barracks. she made the girls wash up in the ice-cold tap water of the building's unheated lava-

"Many children did not like Tella because of this, but she really saved us. Not one girl in Room 28 got typhus, and we didn't have as many bedbugs as other rooms, either." Weissberger says in heavily accented English, influenced by the three other languages she speaks-her native Czech. Hebrew and German.

The girls received slightly better food rations, too. The putrid pea soup was supplemented by a small slice of black bread with a little margarine and marmalade, handed out every three or four days. "We used to mark on the bread how much we could eat each day until we got another piece," she says.

Despite the loathsome conditions, Weissberger quickly made friends in Room 28. There was Anna Flach, nicknamed Flaska; Ruth Schachter, whom everyone called Bunny because of her protruding front teeth; Eva Winkler; Maria Mühlstein; and Helga Pollak, to name a few. "We were so together in Room 28," Weissberger says, "We always found a little way of happiness."



Helga Pollak at age 10. She survived Auschwitz and a German death march to make her way back to Terezin and reunite with Weissberger,

like instrument up three flights of stairs to their room. Although education was forbidden in the ghetto, Tella had decided it was time for music lessons. She began by teaching the girls opera.

Preeminent lewish professors, scientists, actors, artists and writers were among those imprisoned in Terezin. Such wellknown figures as artist Friedl Dicker-Brandeis and pianist-composer Gideon Klein secretly taught the children living standing lookout for ghetto guards and SS officers. Everyone knew the penalty for teaching would be severe. Simply picking a flower or turnip warranted a

among a group of prisoners taken to the outer walls of the camp and forced to view bodies hanging from the gallows. The dead's offense was smuggling out letters

Writing about Terezin and drawing Terezin, where musical theater was

in walls and suitcases. Their works of art stand witness to the horrors of the Holocaust, But, more important, they are a tribute to the human spirit.

"Our teachers were such wonderful supporters, we kids never gave up." Weissherger says "Friedl would take us to our windows and say, 'Kids, look out. It's a beautiful day. See the mountains Above those mountains is the sun and behind those mountains is hope-hope that you should survive."

# A VIELLOW STAR

In July 1943. Tella announced that a children's opera called Brundibár would be performed in Terezin. Klein asked her to identify girls from Room 28 with the best voices. Weissberger and her friends Flaska, Maria and Bunny were among those Tella chose to audition

The girls went to the attic of the L417 boys' barrack for casting. Conductor Rafi Schächter and musical director Rudi Freudenfeld, who smuggled the opera into the camp, were there to greet them. They had the girls sing scales.

Weissberger was nervous as Schächter and Freudenfeld deliberated on the auditions. Would she get a part? Finally,

Freudenfeld announced their decisions. Weissberger would play the cat.

The cast had to rehearse in the hot. dusty attic of the boys' barrack, but they didn't mind. Rehearsals were a welcome diversion from the insatiable hunger and constant fear of being awakened in the middle of the night for the next transport to Auschwitz.

Their first performance of Brundibár took place in September 1943. Weissberger wore her sister's black ski pants and her mother's black sweater for a costume. Whiskers were drawn on her face using leftover black shoe polish. Missing from her costume was the vellow star that identified her as a lew. Performances, when they were permitted, were the only time prisoners were not required to wear it

"It was our little couple minutes of freedom," Weissberger says,

Stage fright rushed over the young cast when they saw all the people filing into the hall of the Magdeburg barrack. They couldn't believe how many of Terezín's detainees had come out to support them. But, with the first beat of the music, their anxiety disappeared. They were transported into a fairytale world where they held the power to overcome evil.

Composed in 1938 by Hans Krása with lyrics by Adolf Hoffmeister, Brundibár is the story of a young brother and sister who, with the help of a dog, a cat, a bird and the children of the village, defeat a malevolent organ grinder who terrorizes the children. The opera ends with a victory song. Its symbolism could not have been more apparent as the children sang:

Before long, the audience had joined in the singing. They immediately saw that the evil organ grinder, Brundibár, represented Hitler and that the victory song signified the hope that one day he would be defeated

#### SHOWTIME

Whether they chose to turn a blind eye to the rebellious rhetoric embedded in the lyrics or they simply didn't understand the Czech language, the ghetto guards and SS soldiers allowed Brundibar to be staged 55 times between 1943 and 1944. One of their last performances was staged for members of the International Red Cross and Danish Red Cross as part of the Nazi deception.

Buckling to international pressure, the Third Reich agreed to an inspection of Terezin. Its "residents" received new work orders in preparation for the visit. The factory, where prisoners were forced to produce goods for the war effort, was closed down. Refuse was cleared from the streets. Building facades were painted. Long abandoned storefronts were spruced up and filled with goods. Parks opened and gardens were planted along the carefully planned tour route. A new community hall was built, complete with a stage for the performance of Brundibár, The makeshift orchestra was even given new instruments to play.

The improvements were short-lived. The Nazis' phony "spa camp" disappeared the day after the inspection, but the scam



Weissberger greated this chalk drawing while held prisoner in Terezin. The darker lines are corrections made by artist Friedl Dicker-Brandels, one of the celebrity internees who secretly taught the children living in the concentration camp. She was eventually sent to her death in the gas chambers of Auschwitz.



emboldening the Nazis in their "Final Solution." Transports to Auschwitz

tion and, in fact, increased in May 1944 to alleviate the appearance of overcrowding. Within two days, May 16-18, Cross visit, Among them was Weissberger's friend, Ruth Schachter, "Bunny,"

The transports rose drastically after the inspection. One by one, Weissberger's

Pollak, who, four days before Altenstein's deportation, received her transport order.

Long before transports to the east began carrying away the girls from Room 28, they made a flag out of a blue piece

room. In the middle they stitched Hebrew. The circle symbolized perfecship. Perfect friendship: It was the only In 1944, when only four girls remained in Room 28, they tore the flag into four

their promise. the same way she lost them-one by one. On a spring day in 1945, Weissberger and sister after the caretakers and most march toward Germany, Many died on

Polisk, She had survived Auschwitz, "I wart screaming 'Helga is here! Helga is here! I was so happy to see her come

gypsies. The house Weissberger-and

WHAT I KNOW AND I KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW.

she noticed a young girl walking in tat-

may happen, I know you won't betray me and I won't betray you," she says.

True to their word, the surviving gils from Room 28 reunited in the 1970s at a gathering of Terezins child-prisoners in Prague. And to everyone's surprise, Plach brought along ker piece of the flag. The other pieces had been lost, but the "girls," as they call themselves to this day, quickly made plans to remake it. They also decided not to let 30 more years pass before they saw each other again. They have continued to reunite in their homeland ever since.

It's been a lifetime since they performed Brundibár in the hot, dusty barracks of Terezín, but the women proudly sing the victory song each time they attend a performance of the opera. Susquehanna's performance was no exception.

Weisberger took the stage for the victory song during each of the university's three performances. She also delivered a reading from her children's book, The Cat With the Yallow Star, and participated in Opera and Resistance, Memory and Education, a panel discussion that explored the relationship between art and the Holocausi.

"Art clearly has a complex, contening relationship with the Holocaust," says David Imboof, associate professor and chair of the Department of History, which supported the program through its Holocaust/Genocide Studies Fund. "As Brundibár Indicates, art served as a lifeline for victims during the Holocaust, a way to connect themselves with something beyond the horror in which they were living."

David Steinau, who staged the opera, says Weissberger's participation helped students appreciate the true value of Brundildr and The Emperor of Aslantis. 'It think the experience deepened their understanding of the works and the need performers in Terezin must have felt to express themselves on stage. Many of us understand a longing to be on stage, but few of us understand a need to be on stage.

Moreover, Weissberger's visit was the only opportunity many will have to interact firsthand with a Holocaust survivor. A case in point: Jonah Roth, the son of Laurence Roth, professor of English and director of the Jewish Studi

of events. Jonah was one of eight gradeschool children to sing in the chorus for Susquehanne's production of *Brundibár*.

"As I watched Mrs. Welssberger speak to the audience at the end of the performance, with my son standing behind her, I realized that such meetings between the Pewish part and the Jewish pasent are fast coming to an end." Roth says. "Bach year there are fewer and fawer survivors who can speak directly about their experiences, and the production was richer for her presence."—

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#### WEB EXTRA:

Learn more about Opera in Terezin: Performance as Protest by visiting Susquehanna's media gallery at http:// www.susqu.edu/galleries/opera.asp.

More than 80 Susquehanns students and faculty honored the unconquerable spirits of Terezins declaniers by presenting Open in Treesin, Perio-mance as Potest, a three-day program featuring two one-act operas and a companion discussion. The Department of Music, in cooperation with The Department of Music, in cooperation with The Department of Theatre and supported by the Jewish Studies Program and the Department of Hattery Holocoustif-Genecide Studies Fund, presented three performances of Brundfilder and The Emperor of Athentis April 50 through May 2. The companion discussion, Open and Kestiante-Mamory and Echication, bell on May 1, explosed the two operas and the relationship between visual the Holocousts. David Imbook, essociate professor of Inston. And the Holocousts Charles and the Holocousts Charles and Charl

Written by Hann Kraina, Braudibir Is a Childrent opera performed 55 times in Terestin between 1943 and 1944. Els Stein Weissberger was the Cat in every perionsance. Eight children from the community joined Susquehanna students for the university's production, directed by David Steinau, associate professor of music and director of the Opers Studio, and conducted by Jennifer Sacher Wiley, associate professor of music and director of the Susquehanna University Orchestra.

Viktor Ultmann composed The Emperor of Atlantis while imprisoned in Terezin. Although rehearsed there in 1944, the opera's first performance was not until Dec. 16, 1975, in Amsterdam. Ultmann and Krása both died on Oct. 17, 1344, in Austerbeitz.



Weissberger (front row, center) and the victory song with the last of Brundibac duning.
Susque hanna's performances of the children's opera.



# The Ties That Bind

Embracing Susquehanna for a Lifetime By Ron Cohen

## How much value are you getting out of your Susquehanna degree?

EDITOR'S NOTE: The university has identified a goal of strengthening connections with and between alumni as a significant priority during the next several years. Ron Cohen, vice president for university relations since 2000 and a member of the Susquehanna staff since 1991, oversees alumni relations and fund-raising programs and offers his thoughts on the topic of alumni

engagement in this article.

It's not a trick question. Regardless of what you paid for your college tuition, the sticker price for a student who graduated in 2010 was about \$120,000 over a four-year period, excluding room and board. While most students receive some form of financial aid, the \$120,000 nevertheless represents the market value of a Susquehanna degree. In other words, your degree is appreciating over time. How many things do you own-or will you own during your lifetime-that are worth that much? Your home, your career, your investment portfolio? People usually give ongoing and significant attention to these items, including investing more in order to maintain or improve their financial status and living standards.

So how can Susquehanna graduates ensure that the \$120,000 investment they have made continues to increase in value? They can't do it alone, but a few are already committed to the notion of "Susquehanna for a lifetime," a movement that engages alumni in the activities and initiatives of the university and connects them to one another and the university community at large. And to the extent thousands more might also choose to participate, the likelihood of an everincreasing return on investment for all SU graduates is pretty certain. Here's how, and why.



#### PROTECTING YOUR INVESTMENT

It was mid-January 2009, and I had Just returned from visiting Susquehanna alumni and firends in Florida. Among them was Jay Feaster '84, who in 2004 hoisted the Stanley Cup as general manager of the National Hockey League's Tampa laps Light-ining. Jay had recently left the team after an ownership change, and when we met, his future was uncertain. I asked, and he agreed to come to Susguehanna and meet with students.

Jay attended Georgetown University Law School after graduating from Susquehanna with a Bachelor of Arts in political science. We decided it would be good to connect him with Michele DeMary, associate professor of political science and prelaw adviser. When I called her, Michele said she would be away from Selinsgrove on sabbatical but she thought her temporary replacement, Seth Mosebey '03, would welcome a visit from Jay to the American Government class he was teaching. Six weeks later, the visit happened, and Seth, who has a passion for sports, was even more excited than the students to have Jay come to the class.

Seth, who majored in information systems at Susquehanna but ultimately became an attorney, took his first political science class during the fall of 2000. It was his sophomore year and Michele's first year teaching at SU. "She was one of the two finest teachers I had," Seth says. In Michele, Seth found a friend, a mentor and a colleague who has spotted opportunities—Seth also coaches SU's Mock Trial team—that have been good for him and good for Susquehanna.

"I never understood networking, but I've come to realize that it's about maintaining relationships because you want to maintain them," Seth says. "It's staying in touch with people you care about ... because you want to care."

Susquehanna Nation—the 15,000 llving SU graduates has hundreds of Seth Mosebeys, each representing a thread of the Susquehanna fabric that weaves the larger Susquehanna tapestry. Seth and others like him grasp the inherent twoway contract that a lifelong connection with the university represents and the three principles on which it relies: value, responsibility and opportunity.

#### VALUE

A guest at an alumni event in Boston once said to President L. Jay Lemons: "Your job, like any corporate CEO, is to increase shareholder value. My wife has a Susquehanna degree. My son has a Susquehanna degree. We're all shareholders." This simple exchange resonates with many of us who work at the university. Our job is to ensure that graduates see escalating respect for and recognition of a Susquehanna degree. One informal gauge is the number of times we hear alumni who visit campus comment on the high caliber of students they encounter, the improvements made in facilities, and a general sense that "it's better than when I was here." And really, that's how it should be at every institution of higher learning: we aim for continuous improvement.

Alumni increase the value proposition by the various footprints they leave in the world. And we need to know about more of them. Tell us about a promotion, an advanced degree, an award, a citation, a publication, a performance or an appointment. Why? Because we share your examples, your class notes in essence, with prospective students who increasingly seek evidence that Susquehanna prepares world citizens and leaders. It's why students keep coming here.

#### RESPONSIBILITY

Remember that \$12.0.000 investment? It has a lifetime warranty. The Board of Trustees, along with nearly 500 people who work here, are responsible for ensuring Susquehanna's long-term health and viability. Programs, facilities, resources and information are the critical elements of a bright and hopeful future. Susquehanna should have high representational value in your life: on a résumé, in a conversation or in the media. The last thing you want to say is: "I went to a college that had to close its doors." Increasingly, these words are being uttered at other institutions.

However, this warranty isn't absolute. After all, you can't claim the engine failed if you never maintained it by changing the oil and spark plugs. American private higher education is maintained by contributions from graduates who keep institutional engines humming. Gifts from alumni donors create critical support for faculty and students. Alumni advocates help drive qualified applicants to our doorstep. In short, alumni make a huge difference by taking care of their investment in these important ways.



to the student-athletes who are here today. When we're able to

Becky Bramer '92 Deltrick, director of alumni relations, says, "If I've heard it once, I've heard it a hundred times: alumni want to visit with their professors or coaches. The meaningful connections students make with faculty and coaches are deep, and they remain beyond graduation. Faculty and staff continue to be interested in what former students are doing, too. They find treemedous value in sharing information with their current students."

#### **ALUMNI AS INSTITUTIONAL ASSETS**

How colleges and universities think about their alumni is evolving. Gone are the days when the alumni magazine was the sole source of fresh news about the college and its graduates. Today we can get news to you via the website or SUBridge, the online alumni community with more than 7,500 subscribers. E-mail, Facebook and Twitter provide updates about events and upcoming programs.

Now opportunities for connection are seen as broader and ideally enduring. A 2004 study, titled "The Scenes of Their Youthful Studies: The Next Era in Alumni Relations at the University of Virginia," recommended:

... a new kind of University-alumni partnership that will continue to educate alumni well beyond their time on Grounds, will enable the University to tap into alumni skills and expertise, will provide a greater sense of community among alumni, and will make all alumni aware that they are critical stakeholders in their university's future.

Recognized as a leader in this model of wider alumni engagement and connections, Stanford University reinvented itself in the late 1990s around more systematic relationship investment in its graduates. Over a five-year period ending in 2003, Stanford saw dramatic increases in all its benchmark comparison categories:

- An increase, from 59 percent in 1998 to 72 percent in 2002, in alumni who rated service(s) provided via the alumni program(s) as excellent or good; and
- An increase, from 37 percent to 55 percent over the same period, in alumni grading Stanford as good to excellent in providing attractive ways to volunteer.

Susquehanna's Alumni Association Executive Board also embraced this approach and since 2007 has been building structure around key activities to draw in more alumni through (1) development of regional chapter programs (seven now in existence) (2) more robust career and professional links between alumni and students, including Alumni Connect; and (3) improved communications featuring the SUBridge online alumni community. The alumni board has also promoted non-class-based connections around common SU activities and affinities through the emergent Spring Fling Weekend, which, for example, attracted 125 former and current students and colleagues of Professor of Physics Fred Grosse to campus to celebrate his 50th anniversary teaching at Susquehanna.

"Everybody wins if it's working well," says Jeff Morgan '82. value to offer, and the university has a lot to offer to us. As we ing, we'll all be better served, whether we're 22 years old or 90."

#### **BUILDING A CULTURE**

to return to campus and connect with students to help show years, we've asked alumni to come and have lunch with four or dip at BI's. Once we know an alum is coming, we ask cammatch. And off they go.

the alum," Deitrick says, "Almost always, business cards get grows." The work done by Bob '69 and Carol Scherb '70

right now, and you should be able to identify a high school each Susquehanna degree holder to do a meaningful thing

#### LOOKING FORWARD

munity. Alumni can play vital roles in recruiting students, as-

staff of the institution should send a strong signal-we seek to extend Susquehanna's reach and influence through those who know it best. The culture won't be built overnight, but the message is clear: Alumni must be important contributors

recruitment. No matter what you do at the university, you play a role in helping to bring the next class of students through the



A panel discussion on the future of the financial services industry, presented to an audience of business students and faculty at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia on Sept. 11, 2009, was a prime example of alumni engagement, Participants were, from left to right,

hand out because you need something-and you get pulled along-it creates in you a desire to pay it back," says R.I. Martucci, who also serves as president of Susquehanna's Washing-

# The 'Grove

**0&A** Pamela Samuelson Director of Athletics



Pamela Samuelson joined Susquehanna University as director of athletics in July 2003. Since her arrival, Samuelson has witnessed several changes to the athletics program, but through it all, she has exuded the confidence and dedication of an effective leader whose team mentality will continue to enhance SU athletics

SC: Since coming to Susquehanna, what changes have you seen in the athletics program?

PS: One of the biggest changes has come with our conference

affiliations. We have just completed our third year of competifootball program, which competed for two years in the Liberty season in the Empire 8 Athletic Conference.

PS: As a result of the increase in full-time coaches, as well as

our staff is reflected in the fact that this year, we've had seven of our coaching staffs recognized by their peers as Coaching Staff of the Year. Further, it is the quality of the people on our staff that, ability, but have good character as well.

SC: What are the benefits of playing sports at a Division III school like Susquehanna?

PSr For student-athletes at Susquehanna, athletics is a key part of their college experience, but it's not the only element. Although

are implementing the Student Athlete Mentor program (SAM) conference championships. So as each athlete steps out on the

WEB EXTRA: Watch Pamela Samuelson's video overview of SU

### **SYLLABUS**

Tackling the Changing Landscape

communications majors can breathe a little easier about getting into the job market, thanks to a course introduced by Craig

tions field. "You need to be able to keep up with the technologi-



cal changes that are happening and will continue to happen as time goes on," says Yoseph Lauver '11, a journalism major who took the inaugural class.

The course, which has been in the works since 2007, focuses on media history, technology its social effects and the future. "You see the writing on the wall," Stark says of new media, which he defines as anything wireless, whether Internet-based or digital. "Everything is changing."

The course was divided into four modules: the history of ogy and platforms for expressions social and cultural issues. of new and convergent media; and what the future will bring. Throughout the semester, students maintained a blog with multimedia content, which Stark says is a starting point for introducing new media formats.

Ashlie Crosson '11, an English secondary education major taking the course, says: "The class was much more eye-opening than I had anticipated. Social media and new technologies are pretty much like the Titanic iceberg-what we know and what we see is only the surface."

forms, including having different courses with emphases on different areas of communication. One semester, for example, a

In other words, the class, like the subject on which it is based, will continue to evolve as today's invention becomes tomorrow's old news. "History is being written right now." Stark says. And the future remains to be seen.

### **FORWARD THINKING**

### Water: A Precious Resource in Science Education

When it was announced that Target, Kohl's, Starbucks and other national retail chains would be coming to Shamokin Dam, Pa., most of the Susquehanna Valley's residents were thrilled. The exception was those living around the site that would become Monroe Marketplace. "They were scared the water level of their wells would drop," says Assistant Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences Ahmed Lachhab, who studied the proposed site, "I was able to use groundwater modeling and predicted the water levels would not sink. And they didn't."

From arid Morocco, Lachhab understands the importance of water. "Water is the future," he says. "There are countries fight about it. Here in America we have so much water, and it's our most precious natural resource."

Lachhab's specialty is groundwater hydrology, an important pursuit since more than 50 percent of Americans drink ground-

water, "Groundwater is naturally filtered. It doesn't require lots of cleaning like the water from streams." But while groundwater is, by definition, below the surface, it can still become polluted. Before you can treat pollution, you need to understand water. Where does it come from, how does it move and where does it move?" Lachhab tackles these

questions with students

Over the past four years. Lachhab and students tested Middle Creek for phosphate concentration caused by agricultural runoff, measured the success of a reclamation site recovering from acid mine drainage, and found the causes of sinking water levels in Montandon Marsh. They are now studying water downstream from a power plant on the Susquehanna River that cleans water used to break apart rock for the extraction of natural gas. Ben Kopec '10, who worked alongside Lachhab, says, "All the waterways near the university lead to the Chesapeake Bay, so the work we do is really important, I want my research to have a purpose, I want to see the results. "





Ahmed Lachhab, assistant professor of earth and environmental sciences, and Ben Noper "10 discuss their research while relaiding in their natural

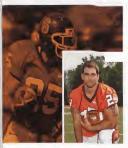
at least where Kopec's future is concerned. This summer he started a doctorate program at Dartmouth College. "My background looks great on paper, and when I toured graduate schools and interviewed with professors, I knew what I was talking about." Kopec will work with the Egbert Project for Polar and Environmental Change, inves-

That Kopec is able to conduct such extensive research is no

surprise to Lachhab. "Undergraduates can be very productive if you know how to work with them. They pick up stuff very fast," Lachhab says. "When students leave Susquehanna, I want them to say to their employers or grad school advisers. I can do this

# **Score**board

### HARNUM AND HEATON AWARDS HONOR OUTSTANDING STUDENT-ATHLETES



Football running back Dave Paveletz was awarded the Blair M. Heaton Award for his devotion to scholarship and athletics.

The Susquehanna University Arthetics Department honored senior volleyball middle hitter Jessica Cicloni and senior football nunning back Dave Paveletz with its annual Connel Harmum and Blair M. Heaton awards. Cicloni received the Connie in the American and Singham Candina Connel Co

The Harnum Award is given to the senior female student athlete who best represents the ideals of intercollegiate at hietics. The Heaton Award is given to the Susquehanna senior male student-athlete who best exemplifies a devotion to scholarship and athletics, along with the self-discipline and courage that was characteristic of the awards nameske. Ciclonir epresents an exciting time for Susquehanna women's volleyball, which won a program-record 27 matches in 2008 before winning another 25 in 2009. She was a captain on both of those teams, leading the Crusaders to back-toback runner-up finishes in the Landmark Conference championships.

She is Susquehanna's all-time blockassists leader with a record of 276. She wrapped up her four-year colleglate career with a spot on the 2009 all-Landmark team, notching 199 kills, five service aces, 80 blocks, 16 assists and 137 digs that year. She ranks second at Susquehanna in career total blocks with 296 and career matches played with 145.

As a biology major with a 3.8 grade point average, she earned a spot on the last two Landmark fall all-academic teams. She also landed on the Landmark fall academic honor rolls from 2007 through 2009.

She was president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and a student assistant in Susquehanna's sports medicine and athletics communications offices. She also was a member of the university's Prehealth Professionals Club, Beta Beta Beta biology honor society and Alpha Lambda Delta freshman honor society.

Paveletz, who was a captain of the football team, is the greatest running back in Susquehanna football history. A finance major and economics minor with a 3.6 grade point average, he wrapped up his collegiate career with a 2009 D3 football.com All-America honor and an Academic All-America waved from the College Sports Information Directors of America/ESFN I'm Rehagazine.

He is the Crusaders' career leader in rushing yards (4.731), touchdowns (47) and single-season rushing yards (1.414 in 2009). He also owns the single-game rushing record with a 288-yard performance in a 28-13 win over the University of Rochester on Ct. 11, 2008. He tied his own school single-game record with four rushing touchdowns in that same game In addition, his 17 rushing touchdowns in 2008 rank second in the team's sincle-season record book.

Paveletz was an all–Liberty League firstteamer the past three seasons, including 2009, when he was tabbed as the Liberty's Offensive Player of the Year after leading SU to a Liberty League title and its first trip to the NCAA Division III championships since 1991. He led the Liberty in rushing yards for the past three seasons. His 2009 total ranked sixth in all of Division III.

In addition, Paveletz is a three-time Liberry all-academic team honoree. He earned CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine academic All-district first-team honors in 2009 after being a second-teamer in 2008. He was a 2009 finalist for Jostens' Gagliardi Trophy—awarded to the Division III Player of the Year—and was selected to compete for the United States against Mexico in the 2009 Tazon de Sirrellios. or Blow of the States.

This spring, the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame honored Paveletz for outstanding academic and athticles success, he also was accepted into the National Football Foundation's Hampshire Honor Society for outstanding accomplishments in the dassroom, in the community and on the playing field. When he wasn't in class or on the field, Paveletz was working as a teacher's assistant for the university's Department of Accounting and Information Systems, a position he held during both his Junior and serior years.



Volleyball middle hitter Jessica Cicioni was honored with the Connie N. Harnum Award for representing the ideals of intercollegiate athletics.

### Hit and Run

Susquehanna became the first school in the three-year history of the Landmark Conference to lead the Landmark President's All-Sports Cup standings in all three seasons of the same school year.

Susquehanna's Paul Thistie '10 earned All-America honors in both indoor and outdoor track & field during the 2009-10 school year. Thistle competed at the NCAA champlonships in cross country and indoor and outdoor track & field.

Mitch Mercer '10 earned PING first-team All-America men's golf honors for the 2009–10 season after claiming a third-team honor in 2008–09.

The coaching staffs for seven Crusaders teams earned annual awards from the Landmark Conference, Liberty League or Empire 8 Athletic Conference in 2009–10.

Kathy Kroupa earned two Landmark Conference Coaching Staff of the Year awards in 2009–10, one as SU's head women's soccer coach in the fall and the other as head softball coach in the spring. The softball award was her second in that sport in as many seasons.

#### A REAL GAMER



Every school that participates in athletics needs one, and so almost every college has one. Susquehanna University happens to have a great one in Head Athletic Trainer Milke Keeney.

Keeney, fresh off of his Best Athletic Trainer award, which was presented to him by Susquehannes's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee on April 29, has been at Susquehanna since August 1995. When he's not in the training room, located on the bottom floor of the James W. Garrett Sports Complex, Keeney can be seen at nearly every athletic event on campus, cheering on the Crusader's student-athletes even if he Isn't scheduled to work that particular game.

Keeney attended West Chester University, graduating in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science degree in athletic training. He then attended Shippensburg University,

training, he then attended shippensburg unive here in 1995 he received his Master of Education in school counseling. Between his time at West Chester and Shippensburg, Keeney worked as a clinic

high school athletic trainer at Holy Redeemer Sports Medicine Center in Meadowbrook, Pa. He then worked as a graduate-assistant athletic trainer at Shippensburg for two years before landing his position at Susquehanna.

Keeney says becoming acquainted with student-athletes and helping them bounce back from the physical challenges they sometimes face is the most rewarding part of his job. 'Getting to know the student-athletes personally, being able to help them get through difficult times while recovering from injury, and being able to see and help them return to a high level of function are all very rewarding the says.

When he isn't helping the student-athletes in the training room or at the site of practice or competition, he is batting against them on the basketball cour in Intramurals. Keeney has put together an all-athletics staff basketball team that plays during the winter months in the Garrett Sports Complex field house against 5U student-athletes and other students. Over the years, Keeney and his teammates have played in other intramural sports on campus, but basketball has been the staple.

"lenjoy the camaraderie and the outlet of competition," he says. "Intramural sports allow our athletics department staff to compete against others on campus, and It gives students at SU the same opportunity;"

'Getting to know the student-athletes personally, being able to help them get through difficult times while recovering from injury, and being able to see and help them return to a high level of function are all very rewarding."

—Max Revery



# **Score**board

#### A GREATTIME FOR THE ORANGE AND MAROON

Susquehanna University won the 2009–10 Landmark Conference President's All-Sports Cup, becoming the first school in the three-year history of the Landmark to lead the All-Sports standings in all three seasons of the same school year—fall, winter and spring.

Susquehanna recorded a final cumulative score this academic year of 6.850 points to wrestle the cup away from two-time defending champion Moravian College, which finished in second place with 6.667 points. The University of Scranton placed third with 5.984 points, followed by The Catholic University of America with 5.713 points.

The All-Sports Cup is awarded based on a formula that rewards institutions for their finishes in regular-season conference standings as well as results in Landmark postseason play. The formula also takes into account the number of sports that a school sponsors. (Susquehanna sponsors all 20 Landmark sports)

"The All-Sports Cup is a great accomplishment. It's a testament to the strength of our entire staff and, of course, our student-athletes." — Pometo Sumwebon, director of other its

SU earned this year's cup thanks to remarkable consistency. The Crusaders earned one championship in men's cross country but finished as runners-up in 11 other sports: women's cross country, field hockeys, women's socces, softball, men's and women's winming & diving, men's and women's indoor and outdoor track & field, and women's volleyball.

Susquehanna also qualified for the Landmark playoffs in baseball, men's and women's basketball, women's lacrosse and women's tennis. Men's lacrosse, men's soccer and men's tennis all finished in fifth place in the conference—men's lacrosse in a tie—just one spot shy of the postsesson.

The Landmark All-Sports Cup victory caps off an amazing 2009–10 school year for Susquehanna athletics. The department also captured a Liberty League football championship in the fall and an Empire 8 Athletic Conference men's golf title in the spring. 5U women's golf debuted as a scoring team in the Centennial Conference, blazing the trail for SU footballs move to that conference this fall.

"The All-Sports Cup is a great accomplishment," says Pamela Samuelson, director of athletics, who substrained the seventh year at the university, "It's a testament to the strength of our entire staff and, of course, our student-athleters. This is a great time to wear orange and marcon."



### Hit and Run

The Susquehanna softball team earned a trip to the NCAA champlonships in 2010 for the first time on its history

Nine Crusaders earned a Rookle/ Newcomer/Freshman of the Year award from the Landmark Conference, Liberty League or Empire 8 Athletic Conference in 2009–10, including a national all-rookleteam member in field hockey's Ally Bradley '13.

SU student-athlete's earned a combined 17 all-region awards in the 2009–10 school year and four All-America awards.

On March 8, swimmer Christie Savard '11 became the sixth Susquehanna sports representative to appear in Sports Illustratde's Faces in the Crowd, less than 11 months after John Lunardi '09 appeared in the same publication.

Susquehanna's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee raised \$1,000 for the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund with its Mr. Susquehanna Pageant on March 25.



#### ANOTHER LEAGUE, ANOTHER TITLE?

Susquehanna University football did the unthinkable in 2009, winning a league champlonship with one foot already out the door.

Susquehanna, which switched from th Middle Atlantic Conference to the Liberty League in 2007, finished Its trek from the bottom of the Liberty standings in its first year to the top of them in its last.

On Jan 16, 2009, SU announced that it would leave the Liberty after that year. The Crusaders then took the league title with them into the Centennial Conference for 2010.

"Athletics is the window through which a large number of people come to know and become acquainted with colleges and universities," said Susquehanna President L. Jay Lemons at the time the move was announced.

"You are known by the company you keep. An association with the Centennial Conference aligns us with some of the top Illberal arts institutions in the country and reunites us with some of our oldest rivals."

The addition of Susquehanna brings the number of Centennlal members who sponsor football to 10. The other football-playing members of the conference are Moravian College, with whom the Crusaders will open the season on Sept. 4; Juniata

College; Muhlenberg College; Ursinus College; Franklin & Marshall College; McDanlel College; Dicknoon College; Dicknoon College; Dicknoon College; Dicknoon College. SU also will continue a Liberty rivairy with Worcester Polytechnic Institute on Nov. 6 in the season finale.

The Crusaders' magical 2009 season came to an end with a 65-70 loss at Delaware Valley College in the first round of the NCAA Division ill champlionships on Now 21, but the game marked 5US first appearance in the NCAA football playoffs since 1991. Susquehanna earned its bid to the national tournament with a 28-17 win at Union College in the de facto Liberty champlonship game ord: Nov. 14, getting a late touchdown run from Dave Paveletz-10 to put the game avay. Paveletz broke the school single-season rushing-yards record with that touchdown and improved his own career rushing-yards and rushing-touchdowns records.

"Guys like Dave don't come around very often at any level. To replace him, it might take two or three guys to carry the load," says coach Steve Briggs, who was a finalist for the 2009 Division III Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year award.

"But that's a great challenge, and the recruits that we've been able to get because of our success over the last two years should help," Briggs says. "Another challenge will be learning about a whole new slate of opponents, but we'll use those challenges as motivation."

Contributing writers to the Scoreboard section are Robert E. Healy III, director of athletics communications; Justin Lutes, assistant director of athletics communications.

#### CRUSADERS 2010 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	at Moravian
Sept. 11	Juniata
Sept. 18	Muhlenberg
Sept 25	at Uninur
Oct. 2	Franklin & Marshall
Oct. 9	at McDaniel
Oct. 16	Dickinson
Oct. 23	Johns Hopkins
Oct. 30	at Gettysburg

Home games are marked in bold.



# People Places

### Rubbing Shoulders With the Rich and Famous

Collecting stamps or coins, golfing, maybe antiquing or reading books ... but entering sweepstakes as a hobby?

"I started entering a few sweepstakes as a hobby when the stock market tanked," jokes Randy Hines, professor of communications. "It became my retirement fund when my 401k became a 101k."

Hines has won a bag of chocolate and wisely gave it to his wife. He also won a set of handpainted bowls from Spain, though the top prize was a trip there. But most recently, he was the grand prize "We were worried about making our flight because of the bad weather that hit Pennsylvania the day before we left Harrisburg," he recalls. "Driving to the airport was a nightmare. Then our plane needed to be de-iced twice, and the outside walkway got stuck to the plane."

Miami's temperatures were slightly below normal, but much warmer than Snyder County's. And getting around was not an issue since the prize package included ground transportation in addition to tickets for various festivities.

Secretary University

As the Food Network's grand prize winners, Professor of Communications Randy Hines and his wife, Cathy, rubbed shoulders with renowned chefs such as Sunny Anderson during the ninth annual South Beach Food and Wine Festival.

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South Beach Food and Wine Festival—
and wisely took his wife.
"The Food Network trip is the biggest

prize I ever won," says Hines. "We really felt blessed to win such a nice trip." Hines' entry was picked from among 252,000 entries for that trip, cays Mike.

252,000 entries for that trip, says Mike Alteir, his South Beach host from the Scripps Network.

On a snowy Friday, Hines and his wife, Cathy, headed to South Beach, Fla.

The couple began their celebrity hobnobbing at a dinner party hosted by celebrity chef Emeril Lagasse and friends. "This party was a great way to start a weekend filled with fine whe and exotic foods," Cathy says. "It was very chic.

The was a gorgeous tent set up on the beach with food stations all over."

The next day, they attended a wine seminar sponsored by Wine Spectator magazine, followed by "Cocktail Time With Sandra Lee" that evening. The Food Network's resident fashionista hosted the soirce at the former home of fashion icon Gianni Versace.

Cocktalis were followed by an interactive dinner in Coral Gables at the grand and historic Bitimore Hotel, hosted by chefs Lidla and Joe Bastianich, Guests at each table were expected to cook the courses by following instructions from the chefs. Each table sat nine guests around a cooktop and had its own student chef from Florida International University serving as a guide.

At her table, Cathy was excited to help cook the meal, even though she had the hardest course: an intricate fish soup. Hines, the spaghetti connoisseur of the family, proudly volunteered to be soup distributor at his table.

To conclude their whirlwind weekend, the couple met with celebrity chef
Sunny Anderson at the Whole Foods
Market Great Tasting Village, Anderson
gave them a personal tour of the facility.
"Lept telling everyone they were the
contest winners. Because don't you always wonder if there are winners of those
things?" Anderson says.

Summing up the trip, Hines says, "It was great meeting celebrity chefs such as Emeril Lagasse, Bobby Flay, Sandra Lee, Paula Deen and others. It was a fantastic weekend, but the highlight for me was having Sunny Anderson pose for pictures wearing a Susquehanna University Tshirt I gave her."

What's next on the agenda for the Hines retirement fund? The HGTV Dream Home, although, with more than 50 million entries, the odds are a bit more daunting.



About 100 graduating seniors joined President L. Jay Lemons for the annual senior hike up Mt. Mahanov.

### All About the Climb

If it's the Friday before Commencement and the weather is acceptable, you'll likely find busloads of students departing with Susquehanna's president for a hike up Mt. Mahanov, 25 miles southeast of Selinsgrove. The hike is a longstanding tradition upheld for the past 10 years by President L. Jay Lemons, along with a few alumni who have made it their annual ritual.

So it was on May 14, when three buses occupied by about 100 graduating seniors rumbled away from Weber Chapel for the 40-minute drive to the base of the mountain. As the buses unloaded, Lemons gathered the students around him for a few words of encouragement and caution. "The weather is a little bit iffy," he said, looking up at the gathering clouds on a sweltering, humid day. "I think we're going to try and take our chance, but really, truly, safety is most important in my mind." And with that, the group began its ascent.

The trail up Mt. Mahanov is relatively short but steep. In less than an hour, hikers climb 1,400 feet up a dirt trail. On the best of days, it's a difficult walk, but on this Friday afternoon the high humidity left most students drenched and out of breath by the time they reached the summit.

On the mountaintop, with a spectacular view of the river valley below, Jennifer Elick, associate professor and chair of the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, delivered

the last lecture these students would likely hear from a Susquehanna faculty member. She described the topography, how it was carved by glaciers during the Ice Age and the flow of

Lemons then took the rocky podium, smiled and said, "Everyone who is on this mountainside has just completed requirements for graduation, right? So you're done learning, right? No. The point is that in some ways, you're just beginning your journey, and we're grateful you're up here."

Lemons recounted for the assemblage the history of the hike, which dates back to the 19th century; noted that the tradition has waxed and waned; and then asked the students to participate in another tradition that has resurfaced in recent years: the singing of Susquehanna's alma mater. Led by class valedictorian and music major Alicia Wyler, the hikers broke into an emotional rendition, accompanied by wind gusts whistling through the pines. Lemons offered to do a photo op, and then commanded that everyone head back down before the radio tower behind them turned into a lightning rod.

See a video of the climb on Susquehanna's YouTube channel at http://www.voutube.com/user/SusquehannaUtube.

### **New Major and Minors Offer Students Specialized Education**

Susquehanna University added a new major and two new minors to its list of academic offerings this fall. In addition to more than 50 majors and minors already offered at Susquehanna, students now have the option of selecting a major in music composition, and minors in publishing and editing, and professional accounting.

The Bachelor of Music in composition is ideal for students interested in studying music with the goal of composing original works. Those who declare this major can expect to study many different music styles while taking classes that teach them compositional techniques, says Patrick Long, associate professor and chair of the Department of Music, who believes the major will help strengthen Susquehanna's reputation. Susquehanna has already had numerous music majors graduate to become successful composers and arrangers. The addition of a major in music composition will only increase future graduates' chances for success in these fields, he says.

The new publishing and editing minor arose from student demand. Laurence Roth, English professor and director of the Jewish Studies Program, developed the curriculum after numerous students expressed interest in working with him on Modern Language Studies, the internationally distributed academic journal for which he is the editor. Over the last six years, 32 students have worked with him as editorial assistants, 11 this year alone. But Roth had to turn many away because there simply wasn't enough work to go around. It was evident that students would benefit from a publishing and editing program, Roth says. "Susquehanna is one of the few



Patrick Long, associate professor and chair of the Department of Music, works on a composition with Billie Tadros '10.

liberal arts colleges to offer a program like this, and prospective students are increasingly interested in having a program that supplies a practical application of what they learn in their English and creative writing courses."

Although an accounting minor, open to all students, already exists, the new professional accounting minor was developed to offer business students more flexibility within the field. This new minor is geared toward business majors—particularly business administration majors who originally weren't able to

pursue the field of accounting as a minor. "The existing minor in accounting is a way for non-business majors to get a basic background in business and accounting;" says Barbara McElroy, associate professor of accounting and chair of the Department of Accounting and Information Systems. The professional accounting minor offers upper-level accounting courses, giving business students who declare the minor a more detailed background in accounting, "enough," McElroy says, "to undertake a career in accounting if they would choose."

### A SWIFT Education

In the current market, new graduates interested in entering the fast-paced, competitive world of Wall Street may find themselves at a disadvantage. But thanks to the Sigmund Weis School of Business' SWIFT program, students are gaining real-world finan-ial know-show that will give them an edge in the lob market.

The goal of SWIFT (Students: We're Investing Funds Together) is to allow students to gain expertise in an industry and learn to track investments in a sink-or-swim environment where they are constantly being evaluated, much like they would be on Wall Street. The experience is provided by a series of courses that allow students to distinguish themselves in the classroom and then in a competitive work environment.

Any student who takes Corporate Finance is eligible to be invited into the program, says Byron Hollowell, assistant professor of finance and director of SWIFT. Students who show aptitude and enthusiasm are interviewed, and a group of 12 to 15 students is selected to take the next course in the sequence, Applied Biograph.

"When I received Dr. Hollowell's e-mail about the extensive interviewing and criteria needed to even be considered, I knew it would be a lot of hard work. However, I was up to the challenge and knew my hard work and long hours would pay off; says Catraina Manney '10, a mathematics major who was accepted into the program, which is not exclusively reserved for business majors.

In Applied Finance I, students follow an industry through out the semester and conduct a 16-stage analysis. "Applied I is really good grunt work to prepare you for Applied II," says John D'Anna '10, who majored in finance at Susquehanna.

The top students in this class are essentially promoted from analysts to portfolio managers representing a dozen industries in Applied Finance II. Using their industry expertise, students form recommendations, and after following 100 companies, they recommend four from each industry for investment.

Unce the companies are selected, the students make preliminary presentations to other students and business school professors and final presentations to an investment advisory council composed of Susquehanna's Vice President of Finance Mike Coyne; Alicia Jackson, dean of the Sigmund Weis School of Business; and several business alumni. The council then evaluates the students' recommendations and approves the stocks they will nurchase

Although the three-course sequence, beginning with Corporate Finance and continuing through Applied Finance I and II, was structured specifically for SWIFT and taught in previous years, the 2009–10 academic year marked the first in which funds were invested. It also marked the opening of the Student Investment Center, a technologically equipped trading room with its own stock ticker. Alumni support has funded software and database maintenance for the trading room, and the Student Government Association has provided a portion of the startup investment fund.

More than \$150,000 is currently available for investment. Students will invest approximately 10 to 15 percent of the fund each year, and each new group of students will be responsible for managing the existing portfolios, as well as tracking new investments. Investments will be assessed over a four-year period, after which any profit earned from the SGA investment will be used to fund scholarships for the Global Opportunities (GO) program, the required cross-cultural experience that is now a part of the university's Central Curriculum

Hollowell also would like the Student Investment Center to become a year-round tool for use by the entire university. He said that he would like to see the Student Investment Center and SWIFT become a tool the entire university can use throughout the year. For example, Hollowell says, the investment club on campus could work with SWIFT participants, or students with an interest in research and publishing could study the program for potential topics.



### New Health Care Options Come to Campus

Susquehanna University students soon will be able to use the services of Geisinger Health System right on campus. Susquehanna has partnered with Geisinger to open a new student health center and public health care clinic on University Avenue. The clinic will be located in the former Ser Pius church, which is currently being renovated for the opening in late August or early September.

Dr. Glenn D. Steele Jr., president and CEO of Geisinger Health System, says, "It has been a tremendous experience working with Susquehanna University, and we look forward to not only enhancing the student health services, but also to providing key specialty care ervices to the Selinsgrove community."

Susquehanna President L. Jay Lemons is similarly enthusiastic. "I am pleased and proud to have Susquehanna leading the way in a new approach to providing health services," he says. "We are especially pleased to be partnering with a national health care leader and look forward to working with our colleagues at Geisinger."

The new facility, with 16,000 square feet of space, will increase the hours of operation and number of practitioners and services that are currently available at Susquehanna's existing student health center. Pediatric urgent care—a service that was never offered in Selinagrove before—will also be available at the center, as will services such as dermatology, endocrinology, women's health, neurology, sports medicine and physical therapy. "As a result of this collaboration, residents will be able to seek important health care services close to home," Steele says.

The new building will feature a separate waiting room for SU students, and approximately 40 Geisinger clinicians will be called to staff the center. Additionally, patients will benefit from Geisinger's innovative electronic health record, which will enhance efficiency of care.

### **Anatomy of Filmmaking**

For most students, an 80-degree week toward the end of May means a week of sleeping in, swimming and sunbathing. However, for several students this May, it was an opportunity to further their knowledge and experience in the fields of communications and theater with Judith Morris, assistant professor of communications.

Morris has a penchant for directing, producing and editing films, and this summer, she embarked on a film called Anatomy of a Test. The 30-minute movie features a professor who is trying to find ways to become a more effective teacher and to raise her student evaluation socres. The film explores how both students and professors tackle the notion of a test. "It's about what a class, test or evaluation is like for the professors as well as for the students. It's about how they can better themselves in the future," says Heather Arney '10, a theatre major who played the "Sacker" in the film.

Arney, along with five other theatre majors, valued the week-long experience immensely. Their previous experiences were almost exclusively in stage acting, so getting to act in a film was an eye-opening experience. Johnny Haussener '11 now recognizes the significant difference between stage and film acting. "The main difference is he way you present yourself. You can't be as big. You still want to play all your actions truthfully, but you're not playing to someone who's 100 feet in front of you. You're playing to a camera that's one foot away from you."

And while most of the students confessed that they still prefer acting on stage, one student, Kiernan McGrath '12, realized that he might enjoy film acting more. "With a movie, there's more emphasis on micro-movements," he says. "Subtlety is more important."

The student involvement Morris welcomed into the project started well before casting. She also had a student co-write the



Student actors participate in the 30-minute video *Anatomy of a Test*, a film project conducted in the summer under the leadership of Assistant Professor of Communications Judith Morris.

script with her. Public relations major Jessica Arruda '12 was chosen to assist Morris with the script, and the experience has broadened her academic interests. "It really got me interested in broadcasting and video production" she says.

Mike Zlegler '10, a communications major who acted as Morris' teaching assistant last year, worked with the cameras and lighting during filming. "Everything I have learned and been teaching other students comes together in a production such as this," he says, clearly passing this test with flying colors.

### Senior Scholars Show Their Stuff

For Hannah Spinner' 10, April was a busy month. On April 13, she traveled to Washington, D.C., to participate in "Posters on the Hill," a competitive annual event that showcases high-quality undergraduate research on Capitol Hill. The next day she left Susquehanna to speak at the National Conferences on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) in Missoula, Mont. By April 20, the biology and French major was back on campus presenting her research as part of Susquehanna's annual Senior Scholars Daw

Her research with sea urchins was conducted with adviser Jan Reichard-Brown, associate professor of health care studies and biology, to discover whether the banned drug thalidomide would have reproductive consequences if used by males.

"Bach conference had a different feel to it," Spinner says. "At the Posters on the Hill conference, I was talking largely to legislators and their staffers, so I had to accurately convey my research project to a nonscientific audience," she says. "At NCUR, my audience was mostly other science majors. Presenting at SU felt like a homecoming, and I was able to talk with my classmates and professors about my project."

Spinner joined more than 100 of her classmates for Senior Scholars Day, an event that allows seniors from all disciplines to present their work to the Susquehanna community

Psychology major Christina Los '10 also presented her research at both NCUR and Senior Scholars Day. She researched the effects that self-identifying as a morning person or an evening person has one cognitive function during those times of the day. Her results were surprising. Self-classified evening people performed better in the morning than the evening, but morning people performed at the same level durine both times.

"I think it's important to share information with our peers," Los says of Senior Scholars Day. "It helps show the underclassmen what they can look forward to and may even motivate or inspire them to start their own project."

Communications major Siri Helan '10 looked to Susquehanna students for her research topic, "Marketing to the Inner Workings of the Consumer's Mind." Guided by the research of Gerald Zaltman, the Joseph C. Wilson professor of business administration, emeritus, at Harvard Business School, Helan studied what Susquehanna students most dosely what Susquehanna students most dosely

associate with the need to achieve, based on Zaltman's ideas about the effects advertising has on the subconscious mind.

Another student who used Susquehanna resources for her research was Alycia Piazza '10, an art history major who studied the university's permanent collection of Andy Warhol photographs, donated to the Lore Degenstein Gallery from the Andy Warhol Poundation for Visual Arts.

Piazza began her research in the fall of 2009 during an independent study of Warhol's photographic subjects. She decided to take the study a step further and make the research the topic of her senior thesis. "To have the opportunity to work directly with the art was an important experience for me as an art history major," Piazza says. "To present all of my research and hard work to my peers [at Senior Scholars Day] is something I am very proud of and will never forget."

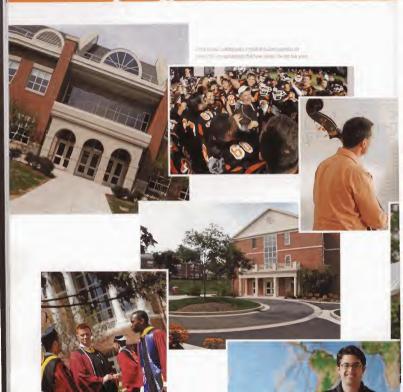
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Alex Sweger and Crusuma Los were among the more than 100 seniors presenting their research during Senior Scholars Day this spring. Research topics ranged from wolf spicers and sea urchins, to Andy Warhol photographs and marketing to the subconscious mind.

# Campaign News





### CHANGINGLIVES

The Changing Lives, Building Futures campaign officially closed on June 30 with a total of \$75.1 million, exceeding the original \$70 million goal by more than \$5 million. Credit for the campaigns success goes to the more than 10,000 alumni, parents and friends who made gift commitments over the course of the campaign. The campaign was pushed over the top by a \$3.1 million challenge pledged by the Board of Trustees. More than 3,400 alumni responded to the Everyl Counts Million Dollar Alumni Challenge by making gifts that secured the board's full pledge. Publicly launched in September 2006, the Changing Lives, Building Futures campaign has resulted in significant campus improvements and incredible opportunities for students. Here are some photo highlights from the last four years.



Installation of solar panels to help power the studio art building, student scholarships and development of a Student Investment Center are among the accomplishments made possible by donors who supported the campaign.

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# **Alumni Notes**

### Message Board



The alumni relations staff, left to right, are Jodi Swartz, Susan Kreisher, Kristin Vought '07 and Bedky Bramer '92 Deltrick.

### Susquehanna University Alumni Association Meeting and Election

The Susquehanna University Alumni Association will hold its annual meeting and election before the awards bonque to Homocoming Reunion Weekand 2010. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. in Evert Dining Hall of Degenstein Campus Center. All Susquehanna University alumni are invited to attend this meeting. The nominees are meeting. The nominees are

### For one-year terms as officers of the Alumni Association:

President
Jeffrey Morgan '82, of Crownsville, Md.

First Vice President

Second Vice President
Tammy Frailey '92 Shearer, of Mechanicsburg.

For three-year terms as members-at-large of the Alumni Association Executive Beard: Linda Kiline 72 Bugden, of Harrisburg, Pa. Lizie Eddinger '00, of Charlotteville, Va. Thomas Benberg '92, of Dibburg, Pa. Megan McMullen '02, of Alexandria, Va. Ryan Szuch '00, of Harrisburg, Pa. JR Reponds' '00, of Boroz, N.Y.

For a two-year term as a member-at-large of the Alumni Association Executive Board:

#### What's in it for me?

When it comes to staying in touch with the university, do you ever ask yourself this question? Ron Cohen, vice president for university relations, relays many stories of alumni who have directly benefited from their connection to the university and with each other in his article on page 20. Helping current students, getting career advice, networking with other alumni or reconnecting with the institution are just some of the ways alumni can find value in a lifelone connection to their alumn anter.

Rediscover your own connections Oct. 20–24 during an extended Homecoming Reunion Weekend when we go green to honor our university theme, "A Sustainable Puture". From decorations and parade floats made of recycled materials, to the dedication of our new "green" science building, you will find a wealth of ways to be inspired. If you haven't been back to campus in a while, this is a great time to consider visiting. And if you have been back, we promise enough surprises to make another trip worthwhile.

#### So, what's in it for you?

- · Catching up with old friends
- · Connecting with current students
- Seeing how the university has changed and grown
   Visiting with faculty who were important in your life
- · Reliving your youth
- · Learning from special guest speakers
- · Eating great food
- · Catching a musical or athletic event
- · Seeing fellow alumni in the parade dressed as their favorite chemical elements
- · Touring the new state-of-the-art science building
- · Meeting our 2010 alumni award winners
- · Enjoying the entertainment and fun

Don't be "green" with envy because you aren't here. Come join us this October.

> ~Becky Bramer '92 Deitrick Director of Alumni Relations

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60TH REUNION

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1968

Terry Bossert '68 was appointed vice president of government affairs at Chief Oil & Gas LLC. He will provide counsel to executive management for all legislative and regulatory matters. He will be based in Harrisburg, Pa.

40TH REUNION

Tom Uhler '70 was inducted into Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida's Business Hall of Fame on May 5. The award recognizes prominent business leaders who are outstanding entrepreneurs and who serve as role models for youth through their professional accomplishments and commitment to the community.

1974

Linda Degrassi '74 Swope organized and performed in a music recital for obe, voice and piano on March 11. Working with three atlented women vocalists and pianists, she performed works by women composers, taking part in Minds Wide Open: Virginia Celebrates Women in the Arts, the first statewide program of its kind. Swope is researching and compiling a list of works for oboe by women composers. She performed her electro-acoustic composition Rapid Transit for Solo Amplified Oboe at the Festival of Women Composers, held at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in March. She is exploring electro-acoustic music for oboe and planning for another recital, which will showcase contemporary electronic works for oboe and English horn.

35TH REUNION

William Swanger "76 received the Frederick E. Leuschner Award from the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. The award honors excellence in public relations. Swanger is vice president of corporate communications with Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries in Mechanicsburg, Pa., and serves as an aisburg, Pa., and serves as an ais-

Department of Communications.

junct instructor in Susquehanna's

Pamela Cerasa '78 Nothstein was promoted to senior vice president at Wells Fargo's private banking business. She is a trust and fiduciary specialist based in the company's downtown Charleston, S.C., office.

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25TH REUNION

Brenda Lynne '81 Leach completed a concert tour of Russia and Ukraine in October. She performed a solo organ recital at the Krasnodar International Organ Festival, which included the Russian premiere of a newly discovered piece by Johann Sebastian Bach, She also appeared as a guest conductor for the Krasnodar Chamber Orchestra in a concert featuring the music of English composers. In Ukraine, she was a guest conductor and artist-in-residence at the Kharkov Music Conservatory, where she conducted the orchestra in a concert of music by Wagner, Grieg and Brahms. Leach is a music professor at Towson University in Maryland, where she directs the orchestra

1982

program and teaches organ.

Sue Asher '82 was named director of religious ministries at Yale-New Haven Hospital. She has worked for the hospital for the past 11 years as the coordinator of pastoral education and serves as the attending chaplain for cardiology.

1984

The Rev. Stephanie Farkas Salinas '84 was accepted at the Association of Chicago Theological Schools to pursue a Doctor of Ministry in preaching. She expects to graduate in 2013. Salinas is a graduate of New Brunswick Theological Seminary and the pastor of First Baptist Church of Bangon, Maine Keith Newell '85 is the senior

weeker of six exhaustice vice present and Southern California construction practice leader for Heffernan Insurance Brokers Los Angeles office. He will expand the company's construction insurance pertfolio and provide more than two decades of surety bonding experience to the firm's Southern California clients.

1990

20TH REUNION

Kelly Dencker '90 Joined Coyne Public Relations, Parsippany, N.J., as senior vice president and director of health care, effective March t.

Born to Zoe and Judson LaLonde '90, a son, Oliver J., Oct. 6. Judson is vice president at Bessemer Trust Company in New York City, and he and his family live in Milburn, N.J.

1991

Matthew Lincoln '91 was recognized by Cambridge Who's Who for demonstrating dedication, leadership and excellence in market research. He is the vice president of client services at Information Resources Inc.

1994

Born to Michael '94 and Michelle Bendik '95 Eng, a son, Michaelangelo Thomas. Dec. 23. He joins big sister Malena. Michael and Michelle own and operate several businesses in the greater Pittsburgh region of Pennsylvania and on Long Island, N.Y.

### A Born G-Man Steven Burmeister '82



When Steven Burmeister '82 was a child, he enjoyed the works of C.B. Colby, who wrote about government agencies such as the Secret Service and the FBI. Stories about the latter became a particular favorite.

A youthful interest in science had put Burmeister on a pre-med path at Susquehanna, where he also volunteered his time as a firefighter for Selinsgrove's Dauntless Hook and Ladder Co. When the University of Pittsburgh made a presentation on campus about its graduate program in forensic chemistry, his interest was sparked.

"It all came together and I thought, 'Oh, I've reached nirvana," Burmeister says, "It combined my love of science, police work and firefighting, and I had previous experience doing arson investigations [with Dauntless]."

He earned his master's degree in forensic chemistry from Pitt, then worked for the Allegheny County crime lab He later became a lab manager and partner in a private forensic and toxicology lab in Pittsburgh, But his dream was always to work in an FBI lab.

One path to that dream, he learned, was to become an FBI agent. When he applied, he was told he would spend a year in the field and then be able to

"I didn't read the small print," he laughs. After five years doing criminal investigations, Bur-

meister became a supervisory special agent and special examiner in explosives analysis in the materials analysis unit at FBI headquarters in Quantico, Va. In his 23 years with the bureau, he has held a variety of managerial positions, serving in"just about every single discipline in the entire building at one time or another," including his current position as the chief of the scientific analysis section. He has dealt with the examination and analysis of DNA, explosives, firearms and improvised explosive devices (IEDs), to name a few.

As he has moved through the bureau, Burmeister has had the opportunity to see almost every part of the globe and has been involved in many of the high-profile cases of the past two decades. He tracked evidence left by Ramzi Usef, the mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center attack, in his path from the Philippines to Pakistan, He testified in the Oklahoma City and Unabomber trials and was part of the team that reviewed evidence from the explosion of TWA Flight 800 over Long Island in 1996. He also directed the team's investigations at the three sites of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Burmeister calls Susquehanna's chemistry department and the education he received there an experience he will "always treasure."

"I got some really great hands-on experience with the instructors and with instruments," he says, "To this day, I think this has been a true gold mine for me. Susquehanna has always left a good feeling for me."

Born to Edward and Julie Stansfield '95 Cabus, a daughter, Rory Elizabeth, April 5, 2009.

Mark Boyle '96 completed his Doctor of Musical Arts in conducting at the Mason Gross School of the Arts, the conservatory at Rutgers University. He is excited to return to the Susquehanna Valley with Jane Messinger '05 Boyle and their two sons, to assume the post of director of choral activities at Millersville University of Pennsylvania.

Born to George and Bergh '96 Brown, a Campbell Paige, Feb

moto Eric and Tara McManus 90 Dietz, a son, William Daniel, Jan. 25. Will joins his 2-year-old sister, Erin. They live in Byram, N.I.

Born to Jeff and Dina Fornataro-Healey '97, a son, Kellen Lambert. April 30. He joins big sister McKenna. They live in Middle-

Todd Hain '97 was appointed marketing communications manager, North America, at Avery Dennison Graphics and Reflective Productions Division in Painesville, Ohio. He is pursuing a master's degree in business administration at Cleveland State University's Nancy College of Business.

Born to Chris and Megan Wallace '97 Matras, a daughter, Marleigh Brisilin, March 29. She joins big brother Christopher. They live in Sarasota. Fla

Bill Sordoni '97 was elected president of Sordoni Construction Services by its board of directors. The company is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

### 1998

Born to Susan and Anthony Buda '98, a daughter, Renee Marie, April 3. They live in State College, Pa.

Jennifer Locke '98 Burchell was awarded the New Jersey State Governor's Teacher of the Year award. Jen has been teaching kindergarten in Park Ridge, N.J., for 12 years, Jen and husband Brian John Burchell '96 live in Wyckoff, N.J., along with their two children. Olivia and Mararet

Adam Drapczak '98 married Dr. Sephanie Lanes, Péb. 14, 2009, at Blessed Sacrament Church in Sociated, Artz. SU church in Sociated, Artz. SU calumni in attendance included Gregory Tori '88, lennifer Floge '88 Work, groomsman Brett Marcy '98, Atton Crooks '98 and Melissa Hahn '98, Lanese works as an associate professor of pediatrics for the University of Medicine and Densityst of New Jersey in Stratford, NJ, Drapczuk works as the discretor of finance for Westward Pharmaceutical Company, They live in East Windson, NJ.

Born to John and Erin McNeice '98 Piesieski, a son, Nicholas Joshua, May 4. They live in King of Prussia, Pa.

### 1999

Hannah Levin '99 married Bruce Bozzay, June 6, 2009, in Rocky Moountain National Park, Colo. She received her master's degree in social work from the University of North Carolina in May 2007. They live in Longmont, Colo.

Born to Frank Charles and Dorothy "Dee" C. Rauch '99 Sokol, a son, Frank Michael, July 17, 2009. They live in Ger-

Born to Nick'99 and Erica Weaver '00 Stephenson, a son, Jack Valentine, Sept. 27.

Shewa Tania Zadeh '99 received a Doctor of Philosophy in education, with an emphasis in school spychology, from the Untwersity of the Pacific, located in Stockton, Calif. Her dissertation was titled 'Academic Achievement Factors in Children Whit Chronic Illness: A Report Based on the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, From the Study of Early Child Cariet Study of Early Child Cariety Study of Early Child Carie

# 10TH REUNION

Born to A.aron '00 and Melanie Noto '02 Brook, a daughter, Annabelle, Feb. 14. They live in Missoula, Mont.

Born to Luke '00 and Anne Penman '02 Eddinger, a daughter, Evelym Jean, May 13. They live in Charlottesville, Va.

Tara Laskowski '00 won second place and \$2,000 in the Frank and Hilda W. Reinhart Memoria Short Story Competition, sponsored by the Washington, D.C., chapter of the National-Society of Arts and Letters. Her story.
"Like Everyone Else", published in Fiction Weekly, was named by storySouth as one of the Notable Online Stories for 2009. She also had three short stories published in March in three different journals—Necessary Piction, JMWW and Everyday Genius.

Born to Rachel Phillips '90 and Quinn Kirk, a son, Corbin Matthew, Sept. 12. Corbin Joins older sister Reese Abigail.

Dustin Smither '00 is a producer at Kaos Studios, a video game company, and recently completed the New York City Marathon.

Born to Michael '02 and Stacey Park '00 Thomas, a son, Benjamin Park, Feb. 1, 2008. Ben joins big brother Owen, who is 2. The Thomas family resides in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

### 2001

Born to Kevin and Rebecca Dowsley '01 Barry, a son, Matthew Jacob, Peb. 16. They live in Herndon, Va.

Born to Brian '02 and Amy Ely '01 Bush, a son, Dalton John, Nov. 10. He joins big sister Clarissa. They live near Richmond, Va.

Born to Greg and Courtney Beggs '01 Mello, a son, Glenn, June 29, 2009. They live in Stoneham, Mass.

Linda Sundstrom '01 married Benjamin Spector, Oct. 11, at Birch Hill in Schodack, N.Y. SU and Zeta Tau Alpha alumnae in attendance were Sara Sohlman '01 Weand, Amy Clements '01 Stephens, Cheryl Urquhart '02, Karen Littlefield '01 and Gena

### 2002

Born to Stacey Brautigam '02 and Kimsan Ting, a daughter, Sierra Linn, Dec. 16. They live in Carlisle, Pa.

Megan Ferguson '02 Heidenreich graduated with a Master of Science in natural resources from the University of New Hampshire in December. She lives in Newmarket, N.H., with her husband, Jeremy Heldenreich '00, and their 2-year-old son, Comor.

Meredith Lovell '02 Keseley was called as pastor of Lutheran Church of the Abiding Presence in Burke, Va.

Albry Montalbano'02 Smither is an editor at Zagat Survey. She is an active volunteer with Literacy Volunteers of America, where she teaches English as a second language.

Born to Jessica and Nathan Snyder '02, a daughter, Claire Blizabeth, May 11. They live in Blue Bell Da

Benjamin Yoekker '02 married Jodi Dottery' '04, July 4, at St. Thomas More Church in Allentown, Pa. Jodi works for Vanguard of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Ben is a trust and estate specialist with Merrill Lynch.

### 2003

Frank Dumbreeki '03 married Tracey Isaac on Aug. 8, 2009. They have a son, Francis Joseph IV, born April 5. Frank is an area operations supervisor for Home Depot Inc. at its new Rapid Deployment Center in Scranton, Pa. They live in Soveprsville, Pa.

Born to Gordon and Stephanie Young '03 Galloway, a daughter, Erin McLean, Sept. 26, 2009. They live in Boonton. N.I.

### 2010 Senior Man and **Woman Named**

The 2010 Outstanding Senior Man and Woman awards went to Will Paris, of Wantage, N.J., and Kristen Konski, of Bristol, Pa.

Both Paris and Konski were very active members in the Susque-hanna community. Paris double-majored in creative writing and philosophy and was a head resident, class vice president and Student Government Association senator. He was a member of Sigma Tau Delta English honor society and the Mock Trial Club. He was included in Who's Who in American Colleges and served as co-editor of the SU literary magazine Variance. Paris is a published author, having written a novel at age 18 entitled The Great Jour-ney: Beginnings of the Soul Keepers (PublishAmerica, May 2006).

Konski majored in communications with an emphasis in broadcasting. She was a member of the Kappa Delta sorority, a disc jockey for WQSU-FM, secretary of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council and an executive board member of the Student Activities Committee. She was co-captain of the cheerleading squad, held two on-campus jobs and belonged to several honor societies. Konski also was named to Who's Who in American Colleges and has interned for ABC27 News, Lotus Public Relations and Sunbury Broadcasting Corp.

Dating back to the early 1960s, these awards are given to seniors who epitomize Susquehanna's ideals of achievement, leadership and service. Recipients possess strong leadership capabilities and academic standing, and frequently engage in co-curricular and extracurricular activities



The 2009 Senior Man and Woman, Jesse Ramsey and Brittany Bunting, presented Will Paris and Kristen Konski with their awards Pictured are, left to right: Ramsey, Paris, Konski and Bunting.

Michael Sobotor '03 married Melissa Nicks on July 12 at Immaculate Conception Church a senior manager of lab and IP development at Mediacom in Goshen

Brin Colwell '03 Varano earned an executive master's degree in business administration from Penn State University in June 2009. She is the senior brand manager for car seats at Graco Children's Products Inc .- a business of Newell Rubbermaid in Atlanta, Ga., where Erin and her husband, Frank J. Varano III '03, relocated last summer. Frank is a student in the Emory University executive MBA program in Atlanta, with expected graduation May 2011. In addition to being a student, Frank currently works as a senior treasury analyst with Coca-Cola Co. in Atlanta, Ga.

Ashley Shade '04 earned a doctorate in microbiology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her dissertation research investigated how healthy aquatic bacteria, the machinery that drives ecosystem processes. respond to climate-change disturbances. From this research, Shade has published numerous peer-reviewed articles in microbial ecology journals. During her graduate studies, Ashley often traveled abroad to capture wild microbes, including to field sites in Taiwan and Argentina. She is beginning a postdoctoral position at Yale University, where she will study the influences of antibiotics on apple-orchard microbes.

Michael Cole '05 received a disthe Philadelphia School District for his exemplary work at Kensington Creative and Performing Arts High School, He teaches biology, physics and anatomy

Katie Perry '07 graduated from Towson University with a Master She lives in Silver Spring, Md.

Lynace Pabet '08 received a Master of Arts from Princeton Theological Seminary at the school's 198th Commencement on May 22.

Jonathan Deng '09 was promoted into the Fulton International Group as an international banking officer.

Jenna Palmquist '09 started working as a sales assistant at CBS Network Sales in December. She handles commercial placement, requests and deals for more than 100 clients.

Please submit your alumni news and class undates online at http://www.sualum.com or to the class reporter for your year, which can be found at the same Web address.

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### In the Green

### Kara DiCamillo '99

A famous frog once said, "It's not easy being green," but that's not the case for Kara DiCamillo '99. She has turned a passion for the environment and all things green into a fulfilling career. As public reand Communications in Newport, R.I., she works routinely with green and sustainable companies. But it was a side job that led her down this path.

DiCamillo began her career in a more traditional arena, moving to New York and working in investor relations and product promotion. After moving to Newport, she worked in a local boutique before getting back into public relations. A layoff led to some soul searching about what she really wanted to do. In her spare time, she had dedicated to sustainability issues.

"I realized that is where my interest and, more importantly, my passion was," DiCamillo says, "I started searching for sustainable and green clients Three years later, I'm loving my lob, and it's very self-fulfilling helping small businesses that are making our Earth a better place to live."

Thanks to her work with Treehugger.com, she already had a strong base of connections close to home and across the globe. She used this base to start 6 Square and embark on a specialized career that combines her love for public relations and the environment.

The company has built a reputation as a go-to firm for green communications, which led to a

project DiCamillo is particularly proud of. When retail giant Macy's wanted to promote its new green boutique, Beautiful Planet, the company went to 6 Square.

"We designed the brochure, and I personally wrote all of the copy for it," DiCamillo says. "When I visited their store in Herald Square and saw our brochures scattered around the cosmetics department, it was such a proud moment for me."

DiCamillo is still a contributing writer for Treehugger.com, and her green passion extends to various volunteer projects. She is the organizer for the Newport chapter of Green Drinks, which hosts monthly networking and social gatherings for those interested in the environmental industry. She serves on the city's energy and environment commission and on the development committee of the Norman Bird Sanctuary, for which she also co-chairs the annual fund-raiser. In addition, she has joined the campaign to bring the America's Cup yacht race back to Newport.

DiCamillo says her interest in the environment is more than just a passion: it's personal, She lives close to the water and enjoys being outdoors, riding her beach cruiser bike and walking her dog, Duke.

"It's definitely a personal commitment for me to educate people about what we consume and what we purchase," she says, "I can personally say that living a more sustainable life has changed the way I look at things."



"It's very self-fulfilling helping small businesses that are making our Farth a better place to live."

### Alumni Notes















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A. Friends from the class of 1974 gathered in Avalon, N.J., in June 2009 to celebrate

3. SU alumni were among the musicians who performed at the Alocona Symphony Orchestua's Opera, 10 Broadway event fund-raiser on May Z1 at the Blair County



# Wedding Album

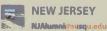
- 1. David Wonderlick '01 married Stephanie Stadier on Sept. 19 at St. Mary, Mother of God Church in Washington, Dr. Dave is a co-author of the forthcoming book. Amongstania Construction Jaw, to be published this year by H.K. Global Communications, as well as "Pricing of Construction Calarie," the ninth chapter in the forthcoming book, Construction Accounting—A Guide for Attorneys and Other Professionals, being published by the American Bas Association's forum on the Construction Industry.
- Tricia Merrill '05 married Andy Balsone on Sept. 26 in New Hampshire. Pictured are, left to right: Jason Benfield, Krista Bowman '05, Tricia and Andy, Heather Litzbauer '05, Matt Ogg '05 and Colleen Flickinger '05 Ogg.
- 3. On Aug. 8, 2009, Treeer Fike 'Ozt married Allison Herricks' 'O'4 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Condroborkovken, B. Picured are, left to Josife, lists roor, Krein' Carrion' '99, Andrew Nadier' '03, Alyson Cox '04 Lindsey, Marcie Hoffman '03 Carder, Ryna McGuile' '04, Pat Lyors' 02 (groomsman), second roor, Jescica Mikuski '03, Charlotte Hugher's OS (indiceratiod, Allison Budlen' '04 (Febramid), Allison and Freor, Jeemey Bressler '02, Beau Hesper '02, Matthew Ferstermacher' '01, Been Tillman' '03 (groomsman), Amy Haprington' '02 Levenski, John Jesonsky' '02 (groomsman), third row 'becky Rogers' '02, Charlotte Gould' '02 Nadier, Rachel Holibaugh' '05, Kim Steiner' '03 (ordenmad), Jeffrey Brill '04, Mike Minabelli' '03, Becki Cenhart '05, Di Lindsey' '05, Rey Brittingham' '02, The coughe live in Abhrigoth, Pa.
- 4. Brissn Fleming '05 married Marissa Scott '05 on July 18, 2009, in Summit, N.I. A reception was held after the ceremony at The Berkeley Plaza in Berkeley Heights N.H. Pictured are, left hight, lists tow Stephanie Scafa '05, Marissa Gawlocki '05, Marissa and Brisan, Tess Gist '05, Philip Hyman '05, Amanda Mullany '06, Kimberly Vessey '06, second own Cathy St. Onge '05, Courtney Speaker '05, Dana Long '03, Charlene Reidy '05, Adam Speakanno' 05, Stephanno' 05, Brised Gist '05, Jessica Martin' '05, Erin Bremitsky '06 and Mickey MxGrath' '07.

# REGIONAL CHAPTER NEWS





The Pittsburgh chapter enjoyed an even in g of music, merriment, and memories April 21 as they joined members of Susciture hanna's choir and wind ensemble at the August Wilson Center for African American Culture. Both were participating in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association conference in Pittsburgh, Alumni enjoyed a performance from both groups and talked to current students about



### **NEW JERSEY**

The New Jersey chapter held its organizational meeting on March 23

Ray Kalustvan '78, president Bruce Wilson '84, vice president Dina Fornataro-Healey '97, secretary Darrell Willis '74, treasurer Jamie Mitchell '83, marketing director Valarie Bastek '06 Berger, membership coordinator

The organizational meeting was followed by an event with President L. Jay Lemons at the Raritan Valley Country Club in Bridgewater, N.J.

if you would like to get involved with planning events in the New Jersey region, elease contact Jamle Mitchell '83 at NJalumni@susqu.edu.



The Philadelphia chapter will meet Sept. 25 at 1 c. m. to cheer for the Crusaders as they take on the Ursinus Bears. The chapter plans to gather at the game for a football tallgate, party, Read more about the Crusaders' move to the Centennial Conference in the Smrehoard section.

The Philadelphia chapter muet on Aug. 18 at the Union League for a networking breakfast. Alumni and Union League members gathered for roundtable discussions about their jobs and the current job market. Thanks to Rick Alcantara '82 for organizing this event.

If you'd like to help plan events in the Philadelphica region, please e-mail marketing director Jennifer Scullin '06 at PhillyAlumni@susou.edu.



### HELP US RECRUIT THE CLASS OF 2015!

Recruiting new students isn't just for the admissions office. Alumni can help recruit future Susquehanna students as well. Regulated chapters Alimini and Parent Adminions Network (APAN). We need volunteers who are interested in representing Susquehanna at college fairs or referring students to the admissions office.

Admissions receptions are also a great way for regional chapters to interact with admitted students and families in their area. These receptions are almed at helping students make their final college decision, and no one can speak to the Susquehanna experience better than alumni.

If you re increase in remesering susqueharms at a college fair or hosting an admission reception, please contact Dave Antoniewica at antoniewica disusqueedu.

If you're living in the Philadelphia area or New England and have an interest in recruiting students, contact your APAN liaison: Matt Hildebrand '06, New England, mhilde04@gmail.com.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT APAN, VISIT HTTP://WWW.SUSQU.EDU/APAN/.



The Office of Alumni Relations, in conjunction with the regional chapters, held a successful series of Destination 2013 events. President Lemons and other faculty and staff joined each chapter for a networking reception and an update on the capital campaign. Current students were in attendance and shared their Susquehanna stories with alumni.

The last Destination 2013 event was in New York City on April 15 at Goldman Sachs. Students were able to network and make career connections with alumni in the city.





### **NEW ENGLAND** NEAlumni@susqu.edu

The New England chapter is finally established. The chapter held an organizational meeting and election of officers on April 6. Congratulations to the

Beth Anne Young '82, president Kat McCarron '05, vice president Kurt Gustafson '95, secretary Molly Foresman '04, treasurer Kris Kiehn '92, marketing director Suzanne Veiga '07, membership coordinator Ine Raho '73, career services liaison Matt Hildebrand '06, APAN liaison

The organizational meeting was followed by an event with President L. Jay Lemons at Nixon and Peabody in downtown Boston. If you'd like to get involved with planning more events, please contact Kris Kiehn '92 at NEalumni@susqu.edu

### Deaths

Joseph M. King Jr., Manchester, Conn., May 11. A great friend and supporter of Susquehanna, brother of Donald S. King '66 and Robert J. King '68, whose family also includes his late mother. Ruth Steele '29 King; cousin J. Donald Steele '73: nephew Christopher D. King '93; and niece Karen King '97 Simms. King earned a degree in engineering from Lehigh University in 1961.

Mariorie T. Brown, Danville, Pa., April 30, at Geisinger Medical Center. She was the widow of The Rev. Dr. Edgar S. Brown Ir., who served as university chaplain from 1973-79. Brown was a native of New York City and a graduate of Hunter College.

She served as a managerial staff person for the United Lutheran Church in America and the Lutheran Church in America at church headquarters in New York before moving to Snyder County, Pa. There she worked with children at the Selinsgrove State School and later became a member of the remedial reading staff for the Selinsgrove Area School District

As an active member of the Women's Auxiliary of Susquehanna University, Brown was responsible for introducing many effective and innovative programs. She served as president of the auxiliary for three years. She also was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Selinsgrove, Pa.

The Browns were antique collectors and avid travelers. Frequent trips abroad enabled Brown to develop fluency in Italian and some German. In June 1992, at the general audience in Rome with Pope John Paul II, she was one who received his hand in blessing on her head.

Elizabeth Smith Lottich, Baltimore, Md., at Augsburg Lutheran Home & Village, June 3. Born and raised in Selinsgrove, Pa., Lottich was the daughter of G. Morris Smith, president of Susquehanna University from 1928-1959

After graduating in 1942 from Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Va., she worked for two years as her father's personal secretary before marrying the Rev. G. Paul Lottich, then assistant pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in West Baltimore. Her husband served at churches in Ohio and Roanoke, Va., before the couple moved to Catonsville, Md., where he became pastor of Salem Lutheran Church

During her husband's tenure at Salem, Lottich coordinated a Meals On Wheels program and worked for Lutheran Social Services

After her husband retired in 1976, Lottich joined Christ Lutheran Church in Federal Hill, Md., where she established a soup kitchen and eventually the Christ Lutheran Place Shelter for homeless women and children. The shelter is now managed by Baltimore Outreach Services, a nonprofit subsidiary of Christ Lutheran Church. The church honored Lottich's tireless dedication to serving the poor and homeless by establishing the Elizabeth House in Federal Hill

Lottich is survived by a son, Jonathan Lottich of Baltimore; a daughter, Mary Howard of Westminster, Md.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Margaret Tane Schnure '39, Selinsgrove, Pa., April 1, She received a master's degree in library science from Drexel University, A. veteran of World War II, Schnure served in the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Services (WAVES) and later in the Naval Reserve. Her many interests led her to New York City, where she worked at the Metropolitan Opera and the BBC. She was a charter member of the Robert Shaw Collegiate Chorale. Some years later, Schnure opened a retail flower shop and worked there for many years until she became employed as a librarian at Susquehanna University. Her work at the university spanned 18 years until her retirement in 1981, when she traveled extensively. Schnure loved animals, art, music (especially opera) and life in general. She belonged to the Susquehanna Art Society, the Metropolitan Opera Guild, Pennsylvania Prevent Excess Through Sterilization, the SPCA and Defenders of Animal Rights.

William Bomgardner '47, Hershey, Pa., March 30, at the Hershey Medical Center, He was the former executive director of the Antique Automobile Club of America for 28 years and editor of Antique Automobile magazine for 16 years. Memberships included First United Methodist Church in Hershey, Brownstone Masonic Lodge No. 666 F. & A.M., Harrisburg Consistory, Zembo Temple Shrine, Hershey Shrine Club, Zembo Shrine Antique and Classic Car Unit, Antique Automobile Club of America and its Hershey

region, Hershev Lions Club, Hershev American Legion Post No.386, Sojourners Harrisburg Court No. 76. Susquehanna University Alumni Association, Phi Mu Delta Fraternity and Derry Township Historical Society. He was a former member of the Royal Order of Jesters and was elected to Who's Who in America in 1976. Bomgardner served with the 15th Air Force in Italy during World War II as a first lieutenant navigator-radar-bombardier. He flew 35 bombing missions and holds the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

H. Lee Hebel '48. Liverpool, Pa., March 17. Pastor Hebel was a graduate of Liverpool High School and a "ministerial son" of Messiah Church, Hunters Valley. As a conscientious objector during World War II, he served in Civilian Public Service camps with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service in Powellsville. Md. He also worked at a mental hospital in Brattleboro, Vt.; with U.S. Forest Service smokeiumpers in Missoula, Mont.; and with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Authority, on cattle boat shipments to Danzig, Poland, and Trieste, Italy, On May 29, 1949. he married Edith M. Wagner in New Brunswick, N.I. He graduated from Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa., in 1951. He then served Lutheran congregations in Karthaus Township, Pa., for a total of 17 years (three separate times); in Bedford County, Pa., for seven years; in Hagerstown, Md., for two years; and at Kellers Church in Bucks County. Pa., for eight years. After retirement, he worked part time for three-and-a-half years in Curwensville, New Millport and Olanta, all in Pennsylvania. He has served in various capacities in the Clearfield Conference and in the Lutheran synods in which he resided. His special interests have included church camping. Christian peacemaking, care of creation. ecumenical relationships and activities, and other Christian social concerns. He highly valued his relations and work with the pastors of various denominations in the West Branch Ministerium, and with the Clearfield Conference Lutheran clergy of the Allegheny Synod.

In 1974, Susquehanna University awarded him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree for his commitment to the specialization in rural church ministry. He was named pastor emeritus of Curwensville Area Lutheran Ministry in 1997 and Shepherd of the Hills

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Lutheran Church, Karthaus Township, Pa., in 1998. After retiring in 1986, Hebel continued endeavors of the Clearfield County Senior Environment Corps-especially the Deer state watershed conservation groups. He was noted for his longtime appreciation of the and its tributaries, and the Ouehanna Wild Area and hiking trails. He is survived by his wife, Edith Wagner '49 Hebel, daughter Ruth

Ann Malkames '48, Hillsborough, and The Avalon at Hillsborough. She was a retired English teacher at Henry Hudson Regional High School, Atlantic Highlands, where she was employed for 45 years. She also worked Highlands. She is survived by her cousin Jane Malkames '46 Grav.

Dorothy Nitchman '49 Bowen, York, Pa., May 20. She continued her education at Penn State University and Millersville University, elementary schools and retired in 1988 from Jackson Elementary. She was also a former PTA. Bowen was a member of Christ Luther-She also was a member of the Pennsylvania chapter and the Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans gardening and was active with Girl Scouts as

George Washbourne '54, Kingston, N.Y., Dec. 30, 2009. He was assistant superintendent of schools in Kingston and was a Korean War veteran. He pitched baseball for SU and was known as "Knuckleball Washbourne" for his pitching prowess. He is survived by daughter Grace Washbourne '81.

Lewis E. Post '57, Palmyra, Pa., Jan. 22, 2009.

Ann Latimer '64 Strate, Southborough, Mass., Feb. 2, died of pancreatic cancer at home, surrounded by her family.

Jane McCormick '66, Millersburg, formerly of Alientown, Pa., died unexpectedly at her Millersburg Area High School; Susquehanna Vancouver, British Columbia; and Lehigh English literature. She taught several subjects Wesleyan University, Moravian College and Temple Beth El. Additionally, she underof Swansea in Wales, studying the life of the poet Dylan Thomas. McCormick was recognized nationally for her expertise on the life of Dylan Thomas and his confidante and for the ministry, she studied at the Moravian Seminary and was a devout follower of the Wesleyan faith. In addition to being an accomplished author and poet, McCormick

McCormick was a fiercely independent Scottish and Yorkshire terriers and Devon Rex cats, the TV quiz show Jeopardy, Glen. chip cookies. She was a remarkably witty bravely laughed and cajoled her way through many of life's obstacles, including a lengthy battle with breast cancer, which she survived for a decade, McCormick resisted doctors and in to their wisdom and advice. Housework, to her, was the most severe of abominations, and her attitude toward it became a rich source the alumni associations of Susquehanna and Lehigh universities, the Association of American University Women and the Wesleyan faith.

Melinda Mark '69 Gehret, May 6, Harrisburg, Pa. She was a very active member of the arts community in the Harrisburg area, and as a charter member of the Susquehanna Chorale, sang in the group from 1981 to 2008. She also sang in the Shippensburg summer music festival. Gehret was a former member of the choirs of Christ Lutheran and Calvary United Methodist churches, both in Harrisburg. She was a former choir director at Trinity United Methodist Church, Hummelstown, and sang as a guest choir member at Centenary United serving in the arts community, Gehret was a secretary at Paxtonia Elementary School in Harrisburg. She was a former elementary school music teacher in Chambersburgs a secretary at Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, Pa.; a salesperson at John Wanamaker department store in Harrisburg: and a receptionist for the Gehret Photography Studio in Steelton, Pa. She is survived by her husband, Randy Gehret '69.

John Sterner '69, Manahawkin, N.I., May 1. He graduated from Tarkio College in Tarkio, In Service to America organization in Cheyenne. Wvo., for a year. Sterner enjoyed sailing and was a writer for the Beach Haven Times, Beach Comber and Sandpaper. He also was an active member with the Island Civic Players and participated in many dinner-theater

Darwin S. Mackneer '91, Jan. 10. He was a native of Pennsylvania. He earned his master's generous, kindhearted "people person."

# **End Notes**

### The Beauty of a Liberal Arts Education

By Heather Cobun '10

I like to tell people that I tripped and fell into being a political science major. I came to Susquehanna as a freshman committed to preparing for a career in print journalism. I began writing for The Crusader immediately, interned at my local paper the summer after freshman year, and during my sophomore year I served as an assistant section editor. Before I left campus that year, however, I followed through with an idea I had been kicking around: I added a second major in political science.

I had taken coursework as electives or to satisfy Honors Program requirements, and through these courses I began to understand that my interest was more than passing. I sat down with a course catalog and mapped out my remaining time at Susquehanna with the second major in mind. I found that not only was it possible, but I would regret it if I didn't take the opportunity.

During my junior year, the fall of which was spent in Washington, D.C., as a part of the Lutheran College Washington Semester, my father began asking, "Are you sure you don't want to be a lawyer?" We began joking about attending law Around this time I decided that my senior research for political I worked with Michele DeMary, associate professor of political science and prelaw adviser, to explore how bloggers and new ing Every Journalist: The Case for an Intent-Based Universal that shield laws-those that protect journalists' confidential sources-should look to the intent of the writer rather than

science major and one year after deciding to apply to law school, I found myself presenting my research at the University of from a small group of Susquehanna science majors. We were at the National Conferences on Undergraduate Research (NCUR). and they had spent the morning presenting posters summarizing their research while I was giving an oral presentation



about mine. Over lunch, one science major asked me to explain my thesis again. Then another asked a question about ence that I will always remember.

second major, let alone spend my senior year logging 25-hour weeks as the managing editor of the newspaper, and writing and presenting a major research paper for political science. Susquehanna gave me wonderful opportunities to develop skills as a journalist-a career path that I have not written off yet. However, Susquehanna also gave me the opportunity to passion, and because of the engaging, supportive faculty and of Baltimore School of Law. ~

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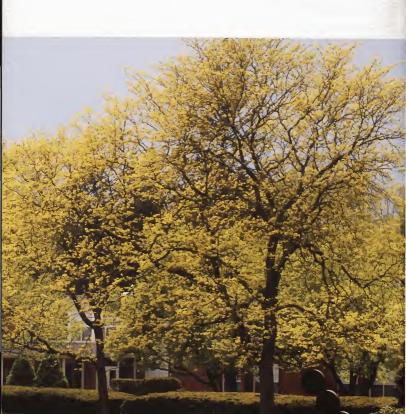
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### Susquehanna Takes Steps to Reduce Its Carbon Footprint

Susquehanna makes strides in its sustainability efforts with the adoption of a new strategic plan and a climate commitment that outlines the steps the university will take to lower greenhouse gas emissions.



### Finding My Stride

Sylvia Grove '07 recounts her trek across the western front of World War I with her college mentor, Lynn Palermo, associate professor of French.

# The First Word

By L. Jay Lemons, President



On Sept. 9, just before the Common Reading Lecture by Penn State ecologist Christopher Uhl, I suggested that the campus community make a new year's resolution-new year. in this case, being the new academic year. The resolution: do our part to achieve a sustainable future. On that night. I was the first to put digital pen to iPad and sign the Susquehanna University Climate Commitment pledge.

Modified from the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, Susquehanna's pledge affirms the belief that colleges and universities must exercise leadership in their communities and throughout society by modeling ways to minimize the impact of climate change. It further states that, by integrating sustainability into their curricula, instituctions of higher education will fulfill their social responsibility to help create "a thriving, ethical and civil society," and provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to address the critical, systemic challenges.

Although modeled after the Presider ment, Susquehanna's pledge differs in one vital way, Instead of calling for carbon neutrality, it seeks to develop a comprehensive plan to lower total carbon emissions. The carbon-neutral of the Presidents Climate Commitment is a commendby humans. We recognize the need to significantly reduce the global emission of greenhouse gases to avert the worst effects of climate change. Our consumption of many natural resources, especially in the United States, far outstrips the supply, and we better stewards of the resources we have environment

Adopting the climate commitment is among the first

support of the emphasis on sustainability
//s new strategic plan. The actions set
commitment include investigating
ative energy sources to replace our exdeveloping environmental guidelines
rojects, and instituting a new campus
at all new construction will be built

These new initiatives and poli helping to reduce Susquehanna's

the human dimensions of sustainability. He contends that sustainability—and its related notion of well-being—is a human issue defined by one's culture. Following that logic, it seems it will take a culture shift to turn the tide on global warming. And that is what Susquehanna is trying to accomplish in our corner of the world.



President L. Jay Lemons (center), university trustees, government officials, alumni and faculty gather for a ribbon-cutting at the dedication cerembity for the new science building.

Portland State University, where she earned a master's degree in educational leadership and policy with specialization in leadership in ecology, culture and learning. Her master's thesis and subsequent lecture at Susquehanna encourage a paradigm shift in higher education that advocates an interdisciplinary approach to sustainability. As a liberal arts institution, Susquehanna is well positioned for such an undertaking, and there is no better example of this than the 2010-11 university theme, "A Sustainable Future."

With its companion common reading of the same name, the theme provides curricular and co-curricular opportunities for the campus to develop a community dialogue around a host of issues related to sustainability. The topic is something that my executive assistant, Kathy Owens, and I have taken into the Perspectives class we teach for first-year students.

Discussions on sustainability center around one primary question: Whose responsibility is sustainability? I'd submit, as experts have before me, that it is everyone's responsibility, and I invite you to join us in this critical encleavor, Recycle. Share a ride or bicycle to work. Turn the thermostat down a couple of degrees in the winter to conserve energy. Reduce your water usage and waste. Whatever you can do to contribute to a more sustainable future, please do it.

Together we can make a difference, just as more than 10,000 of us did when we joined forces to bring the Changing Lives, Building Futures campaign to a successful conclusion. Let's continue that commitment and help change the future for all by taking action on behalf of the environment in our

By Bruce E. Reans

It's hard to imagine a more insular upbringing than Jason Wolfe's, Raised by a single mother in the small town of Fredericksburg, Pa., the 1999 graduate grew up surrounded by his Pennsylvania Dutch relatives, all of whom resided within the same 10-square-mile area that they and their ancestors have inhabited for hundreds of years. Pittsburgh was the farthest he traveled away from home until his junior year of high school. That year, when his Northern Lebanon High School band marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Dublin, Ireland, marked the first time he'd flown in an airplane. But it wouldn't be the last time.

As an enterprise development adviser with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), he has traveled to 22 different countries on four continents in the last four years. At this point, he has visited more countries than U.S. states. He spent half his time abroad last year alone.

Raised on scrapple with maple syrup, pig stomach and chicken pot pie, the now-vegetarian Wolfe hankers most for chipsi manyai, Tanzanian street food that is essentially a French fried omelet. He also covets tiga dégué, a rice/peanut sauce dish found in Mall. Sandwiched between the Sahara and the tropics, Mall is one of the countries in the Sahel region of western Africa, a crossroads of culture, language and music that Wolfe finds infinitely fascinating.

He holds the same opinion of Afghanistan, perched along the ancient Silk Road. In March 2009, Wolfe donned a flak jacket to tour Kabul and two other cities. He was there to check on programs designed to jumpstart a lawful economy with apparel, textiles—particularly carpets—marble and granite.

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The United States Agency for International Development USAIDI was created by executive order in 1961 with the signing of the Foreign Assistance Act. Since then, ISSAID has been the principal U.S. agency to assist underdeveloped, disaster-striken and war-torn countries to rebuild and advance. As an enterprise development adviser for the agency, Jason Wild P9 has traveled to 22 countries on four continents in the last four years.

riting reports in his USAID cubicle inside the bowels of the russsive Ronaid Reagan Building in Washington, D.C., Wolfe often feels like little more than "a glorified government bureaucrat." But being out in the field energizes him. That was particularly true three years ago, when he traveled to rural Pakistan to assess a program that helps homebound women find markets for their beautiful embroldered clothing in urban Pakistan. India and the Middle East.

"They come from very conservative, restrictive cultures in which they can't go outside of the home unless accompanied by a male member of their family and generally can't interact with other people, and Wolfe says. "They had no idea what they did was so valuable and, before this program, hadn't been able to get market feedback regarding what people like best."

By the end of the project two years ago, nearly 10,000 women were selling to those lucrative markets, and the money they were earning was empowering. "You could see a cultural change happening." Wolfe says. "Their male family members were starting to see that these women could be breadwinners and deserved a bit more independence. They told me about now being in business partnerships with their

husbands, and how they go places without their husbands. It was just brilliant to see their confidence levels rising."

Despite his lack of travel as a youth, Wolfe, who began studying German in eighth

Spanish in ninth grade, had long been interested in cultures and issues

to Susquehanna in 1995 intent on studying diplomacy and European studies, an idealistic young man "completely allergic" to economics because he ideatified it with big business.

But his faculty adviser, E. Brooke Harlowe, a former assistant professor and coordinator of the international studies program, encouraged him to look beyond Europe to Latin America-one of her specialties-and the significant roles that poverty and economic development play initially resisted Harlowe's suggestion to elect dual study in economics and international studies. But after taking an introduc tory microeconomics class with Professor of Economics Olugbenga Onafowora, whom he calls "a fantastic, dynamic professor who was one of my favorites at Susquehanna," Wolfe was so captivated he decided to pursue a double major.

During the spring of his junior year.
Wolfe participated in the Washington
Semester Program at American University,
taking classes and performing an internship with the seed Capital Fund. The small
nonprofit was trying to launch a fund that
would minimize the risk to large investors
who advance Latin American microfinancing, small loans that enable poor house
holds to improve their economic conditions
by starting small business ventures. It's the
type of financing for which Mohammad
Yunis of Bangladesh and his Grameen
Bank won the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize.

Doing everything from making copless and scheduling meetings for his boss in Bolivia to writing the fund's bylaws, Wolfe extended his three-month, parttime internship for an additional four months of full-time summer work. He returned to Susquehanna committed to a career in international microfinancing—a goal he began to realize after graduation when he took his first full-time position as a program assistant, and later program manager, for EnterpriseWorks/VTPA, as



international nonprofit based in Washington, D.C.

The organization combated powerty through economic development programs that focused on the manufacture, marketing and repair of sustainable technology. During the next seven years, Wolfe worked primarily in Africa, introducing a water pump to residents that could help them grow more crops and launching the manufacture and marketing of a more efficient charcoal stove. The latter was no small undertaking in the urban centers of Africa, where charcoal for cooking represents 20 to 50 percent of poor households' entire expenditures.

"I haven't been to Mali since 2003," says Wolfe, "but I recently did an informational interview with a woman returning from the Peace Corps in Mali. She told me she had seen both the pump

and stoves in use. It's gratifying that these technologies are sustainable, that local people are still producing, buying and using them."

Intrigued by USAID's Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade, Wolfe joined the agency in 2006. Part of USAID's mission involves partnering with foreign governments, but Wolfe primarily works with privale sector partners, nonprofit groups, consulting firms and universities whose economic development profects are funded by USAID.

"While the government has a role, I'm personally allergic to too much government involvement," says Wolfe. "It's an art, which we haven't completely mastered, trying to figure out how to support the private sector in a lot of these countries."

In addition to microfinancing and other forms of financial services. Wolfe's enterprise development work includes administering programs that train and provide technical support to small businesses, and ensure foreign government policies enhance rather than stymic business growth.

Afghanistan clearly was Wolfe's most dangerous and, in some ways, most challenging assignment. Wolfe believes Afghan textile and stone products offer great promise, but he says it is more difficult to design, manage or monitor USAID-funded programs there, due to security risks. When he visited last year, Wolfe also sensed a "weird tension" between the U.S. military's focus on anti-terrorism and USAID's development mission.

"We've gotten to a better place of cooperation," he says, "but it's still really challenging." Although an improvised explosive device (IED) was detonated on



the other side of Mazar-i-Sharif while he was there monitoring a program. Wolfe says he never felt threatened. But outside of the capital city of Kabul, he felt "a bit like a target."

"I tried not to think about it, but everyone knows who you are," Wolfe says. people wearing flak jackets a mile away."

Wolfe also has spent a lot of time recently in Africa strengthening economic supports for children orphaned or made It's part of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), established by President George W Bush. PEPFAR already was providing education, nutrition, health and psychosocial support to the children of parents economic burden that extended families, many headed by 60- to 80-year-old grandmothers, experience when caring for additional children.

One safe, simple solution supported by USAID is savings clubs. Villagers in these clubs save money jointly in a box equipped with two locks, with two separate people holding the keys. Villagers. can borrow from the box at an agreedupon interest rate and repay their loans within a year or two, at which point the savings and interest earnings are redistributed to all club members. "It creates an alternative to going to a money lender who would charge exorbitant interest, or putting their savings under a mattress, or digging a hole," says Wolfe.

Wolfe also paid a recent visit to focused on establishing savings clubs. as well as labor groups in which local residents-in a practice similar to Amish barn raisings-join together to roof houses, build latrines and farm fields.

"It's not a sophisticated intervention. but it's very empowering," says Wolfe, "They now have a little bit more money to spend, and they can choose how they spend it. It's the same with the labor groups. They can think about building a latrine instead of walking to the other side of the village."

Far from a waste of American tax revenues that would be better spent at home, Wolfe believes the \$265 million USAID allocates for enterprise development from its annual \$16.6 billion budget is a worthwhile investment in the future. "Trying to ensure we have good, growing economies overseas helps to develop a market for goods we want to











sell," he argues. Wolfe also cites a recent Religion and Ethics News Weekly interview with Andrew Natsios, the former director of USAID, who contended that in the developing world, "people think USAID is the greatest American institution." And, Wolfe says, having a good opinion of USAID really helps strengthen America's image abroad.

government bureaucrat who grows more jaded the longer he spends time in foreign outposts. "I'm continually inspired by the people I come in contact with," he says, "When I was in Moldova [in January] they had just changed their government and kicked out Communists after eight years. I met with deputy ministers who are fairly young, dynamic, optimistic and educated, and their hearts and brains are in the right place. I've never been so inspired talking to government officials.'

The biggest challenge Wolfe and USAID face is helping people become self-sustaining without creating a culture has been true of some aid programs in Tanzanian villages. Yet women who are participating in savings clubs there have told Wolfe that they don't want handouts and felt bad when they couldn't feed their own kids. Now, thanks to the savings clubs, they are proud to feed their children on their own.

"They're not rich, and they still have aspirations, like having a metal roof, electricity and a TV," he says, "but just the fact that they can feed their kids is a huge, life-changing moment for them."

Wolfe is proud of the role he and his agency have played in creating such opportunities. "It's sort of the difference between charity and development," he says. "Charity is something you do to make yourself feel better, and the gratification is immediate.

"Although it's a very frustrating, complex process, when development works, other people feel better, and all you can do is take pride in that. It's longer lasting and sustainable, and hopefully, saves us money when we're not feeding the hungry, responding to emergencies or going to war, because these countries are more prosperous. stable and democratic." -

Bruce E. Beans is a contributing writer from Warrington, Pa.

WEB EXTRA: Wolfe isn't the only one bound for distant lands. Visit http:// www.susqu.edu/academics/35195.asp to see where Susquehanna students are traveling to fulfill the GO (Global Opportunities) requirement of the Central Curriculum

### Eyewitness to History By Bruce E. Beans

Drafted shortly after he graduated from Susquehanna with an accounting degree, Bill Livengood '67 served as a U.S. Army personnel specialist in Vietnam for a year. That experience, combined with R&R in Australia and Japan, convinced the small-town country bones. "It's just the fact of all you can learn (by traveling)," he says.

to history. First he was dispatched to Sana'a, the capital of Ye-men, today a terrorist hotbed to which he could now never return. Unaware if jihadists were beginning to organize then, he never felt threatened, even though, he says, "every male in that country carried an AK-47." He was fascinated by the Muslim culture, the food while hiking in the country.

Yemen the night of Aug. 2, 1990, the day Iraq Invaded Kuwait. He

Pretoria, the administrative capital, in 1992 to act as the controller of a rapidly expanding USAID program that included housing, school curriculum development and teaching residents how to vote. "It was incredibly fascinating," says Livengood. "I didn't really think there were that many black people living in my neighborhood, but three days."

attended a party at the U.S. Embassy, which featured speeches by Vice President Al Gore; his wife, Tipper; and Hillary Clinton, then the first lady. He was also in Pretoria when, as immortalized in the 2009 film invictus, the predominantly white South African rugby team won the Rugby World Cup in 1995. "The celebration in the

streets was multiracial, and the fact that the victory of an almost a significantly positive effect on race relations," Livengood says.

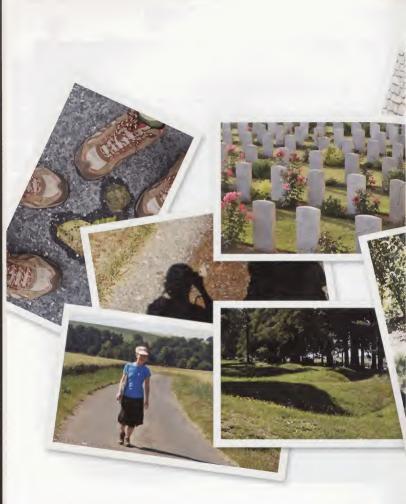
Retired since 1998, Livengood continues to roam the United States and the world. Domestically, he visits Civil War sites and points along the famous Lewis and Clark expedition. His travels abroad include visits to Vietnam and throughout Africa

few people, including many overseas recipients, were aware of the good work USAID was doing.

Last year, however, while visiting gorilla parks in Rwanda and national parks in Uganda that protect mountain gorillas and chimpanzees, he saw signs indicating that USAID was a partner in the park and the good work that USAID continues to do.



Bill Livengood with a member of the Maasai ethnic group in Kenya





I had been one of Lynn's students and teaching assistants, and I know-as many of her students do-about Lynn's hiking days and how they've anchored her projet of view of education and culture. I personally am enthusiastic about our trip because I, too, want to understand Prench history by spending serious,

planning my escape.



With each step along the eastern Belgian highway. the weight of my packcrammed with French maps. water bottles and about 26 travel-sized deodorants-flattens the arches of my feet to the ground. The pain overrides any noble notion about education on the road. Isn't education supposed to take place in an air-conditioned room while reading a glossy hardcover book? I curl my

toes in my hiking boots, trying to push my bruised arches and bruised ego back into shape. The air quivers in the 100-degree heat.

The sound of a diesel engine roars behind me and another bus careens past, stirring the air for one heavenly moment. Lynn points at it joyously. "Sylvia! There's a bus to Ypres!'

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advanced defense technology-flamethrowers, grenades, tanks, machine guns and poison gas-in such a year that paining ground was nearly lear earlier for

I need this trip along the western front because Europe teems with reminders of war. Ypres, for example, was 90 percent demolished during three major battles and painstakingly rebuilt by its citizens. The cathedral in Reims, France, is pockmarked by shrapnel. Aizy-Jouy, a village of 264 inhabitants folded into the green plateaus north of Paris, has a monument to its sons who never came home. These scars mark France's backvards and appear in photo albums. They are part of Western Europe's history in a way that I want to understand.

The soldiers of World War I came from around the world to fight-England, Scotland, Morocco, South Africa, Ireland, New Zealand, the United States, Canada and others. They wore wool uniforms and sweated under the French sun, carrying their gear over mountains and through fields. They were homesick, writing home to their loved ones and lovers, and Lynn and I are determined to walk with them.

UNDER SUIGHTLY COOLER SKIES and a slightly calmer attitude. Lynn and I turn our footsteps south, finding that the French who have grown up near the western front speak differently about World War I than the history books. Paulette, from the tiny village of Mailly-Maillet, grew up in a stone cottage her parents had built. In 1914, when the armies dug their trenches half a mile away, Paulette's parents fled, giving their house over to be used as a hospice, Today, at age 86. Paulette runs a bedand-breakfast from this same cottage for those who come to see the heart state of his the war which once molded family histhey not long all tours to the her primary source of revenue.

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named Philippe tends the field and the state of the rial, which honors the 73,537 better and sould be some who fell on the Somme. In the spring, Philippe plows around the memorial to plant wheat, inearthing guns, shells and helmets matted with soil. He is not as surprised on this area of the spring is also the rebirth of and any surrous of antiother is taken to a local collector.

These conversations are not the only respites in our hours day. So maximes that are small, origining a out of man raises, suggested and loss brich wall, Office they are him with in ge

cemetery of 12,000 graves, Lynn draws a deep breath. "When any government is tempted to declare war," she says, "I think they need to spend some time here first."

It's DAY FIVE ON THE ROAD and I remember vaguely that I once slept in the same place every night. Lynn and I stop in Arras, France, where 24,000 British soldiers hid in underground quarries for eight days before a surprise attack. We take a guided tour of the stone tunnels where the soldiers waited for the siznal to charge the enemy.

Our tour group pauses before one set of rugged, stone-chiseled staircases that lead to the ground level exits where the attack began. A soundtrack of guns and exploding shells begins to play, and desk; teach seven different classes a day; and manage the school newspaper, literary magazine, and choir. At any given moment, I am worried about at least one of these responsibilities.

I do not know how to walk, figuratively or literally, with an eppeciation of the process. Through life, I run, eyes fixed on the destination so I can move on to the next task. Is it selfish of me to go through life at break-neck speed when I'm surrounded by so many reminders of lives cut short.

I think about this as we face a road that disappears before us up a monunain called Kimmel. The climb looks long and ominous. "It's about the process, right?" Lynn asks, and we begin. The incline strains our calves, our heavy footsteps crunch the gravel, but when I ynn gestures toward the side of the road, we stop. Between the control of the condition of the co

ground stone quarries. Further east is the California Plateau, named by Americans who fought there.

"Ninety-nine bottles of beer on the wall," I how as we trudge uphill. Lynn joins me in French: "Quatre-vingt dixneuf houteilles de hière—"

We are alone except for the sunlight that seems to boil even in the shade. The soldiers once were here, climbing this hill. "Eighty-one bottles of beer—"

After 30 minutes, we are still marching slowly through every mismatched breath, but I find that I don't mind. I've learned that when I slow my life's rhythm, the course of history that I can change is my,own.

With about 500boths of bear left on the wall. Lynn and I reach the top. The plateau stretches before us in unbroken fields of corn and wheat. We are nowhere near a pharmace, bleery or grocery store; there will be no shade for the next 20 miles. But as we look at the road behind us and the one ahead, these comforts seem unnecessary. We've taken time to experience history, and victory is ours.—

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the daylight at the top of the staircase brightens and fades. The sound is only for dramatic effect, but suddenly I see soldiers in front of me, and I am running with them, my pack heavy on my back. I take the stairs two at a time like I always do when I'm frightened, and then I am on the soil, squinting at white smoke and morning haze and fire. I'm running toward a vague idea of war and freedom, I'm running sway from my homeland and those I love—and suddenly, in the middle of the tour group, I'm crying.

Each morning, I put on my pack and hiking boots certain I'll go home again. The soldiers who fought on this soil could never be sure.

LYNN'S MANTRA while walking is "it's about the process, not the destination." Since my graduation from Susquehanna, I have become an English teacher, someone who strives to use every second (walrbs constructively, I eat breakfast at my

hind the young trees is a silent brick mansion, complete with a wrought-iron gate. It is charming, just as you would expect a European mansion to be. We smile. Lynn says, "Focused on the destination, you never know what you might miss"

Two weeks later, in a museum near Compiègne, we see a photo of Mount Kimmel during the war, with a gravel road disappearing into cold white fog. Only the stumps of trees are standing.

ON JULY 11, Lynn and I begin climbing the Chemin des Dames, a strategic plateau west of Verdun in an area so desolate, it will be nearly impossible for us to reach on foot in the time we have left for our trip. We want to see it because the extremely poor conditions for soldiers had resulted in mutinies along the ridge. Some 15.5 miles away is the Dragon Cavenu, where fighting took place in under-



# Susquehanna Takes Steps to Reduce Its Carbon Footprint By Victoria Kidd

U.S. Secretary of State and former First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton made famous the African proverb "It takes a village to raise a child." If we apply that same rational to environmental sustainability, many scientists, scholars and activists would say it's going to take every village, in every nation, to save planet Earth as we know it.

Susquehanna University is just a small part of the global solution, but within the last two years, the university's sustainability efforts have grown from infancy into adolescence with such projects as the Center for Environmental Education and Research, located on the former Yoder farm, and the LEED-certified science building and West Village housing complex. And in May, Susquehanna took a giant step toward environmentally conscious maturity with the adoption of a new strategic plan that makes sustainability one of the institution's key priorities ower the next five years. It was followed in September by the adoption of the Susquehanna University Climate Commitment, which outlines the steps the university will take to lower its total carbon emissions and reduce its release of other greenhouse gases (GHG).

Naysayers might question the reason for taking such steps. A simple Google search on the topic returns 1.4 million websites referencing the "global warming myth." Skeptics included the late Frederick Seitz, president emeritus of Rockefeller University and former president of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences. Seitz, a recipient of the National

Medal of Science and NASA's Distinguished Public Service Award, endorsed—and even wrote the cover letter for—the Global Warming Petition Project. The initiative was started in 1997 by GOP congressional candidate Arthur B. Robinson, a controversial scientist who cofounded the Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine, a nonprofit research institute. The petition, which resurfaced after the 2006 release of former U.S. Vice President Al Gore's Oscar-winning documentary An Inconvenient Truth, touts more than 31,000 signatories and urges the United States government to reject the Kyoto Protocol and similar proposals. It contends tha "the proposed limits on greenhouse gases would harm the environment, hinder the advance of science and technology, and damage the health and welfare of mankind."

It goes on to say, "There is no convincing scientific evicent that human release of carbon dioxide, methans, or other greenhouse gases is causing or will, in the foreseeable future, cause catastrophic heating of the Earth's atmosphere and disruption of the Earth's climate."

These contentions are flatly denied by a substantial portion of the science community. Some critics have even questioned the scientific qualifications and authenticity of the petition is signatories. When the petition first energed, the Council of the National Academy of Sciences adamantly denied any association with the petition and reaffirmed its position that the accumulation of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere posses.



a threat sufficient enough to prompt action. Since then, the academy has concluded that there is strong evidence of climate change, underscoring the need to reduce emissions and prepare for the impact of global warming.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the leading body for climate change assessment, established by the United Nations Environment Program and the World Meteorological Organization, has conducted four studies on global warming. In its most recent study, the panel concludes that "warming of the climate system is unequivocal as is now evident from observations of increases in global average air and ocean temperatures, widespread melting of snow and ice, and rising global sea level." It further concludes that "most of the observed increase in temperatures since the mid-20th century is very likely due to the observed increase in anthropogenic (human-caused) GHG concentrations,"

Some may question whether what we're already experiencing can get worse. To that, Kathy Straub, associate professor of earth and environmental sciences and chair of Susquehanna's Committee on Sustainability, would say it can-and will-if we do not dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions. "If we want to keep the average global temperature rise below 2 degrees Celsius [which will help us avoid the worst impacts of climate changel, we have to cut emissions by 80 percent by 2050," Straub explains, "If we don't, then we're going to go past that 2-degree threshold and have runaway melting of the ice caps, rising sea levels, things you really can't get back."



Student workers regularly collect recyclables from residence halls and academic buildings

According to the IPCC, accelerated melting of glaciers, small ice caps and mountain snow pack, which is projected to continue throughout this century, will exacerbate the stresses on water resources, resulting in water shortages, reduced hydropower potential, and changes in the seasonal flow of water into regions supplied by major mountain ranges such as the Hindu Kush, Himalayas and Andes-areas that are home to onesixth of the world's population.

If the worst is realized. Straub says, islands will disappear under the deluge of rising sea levels, and certain regions of the world will be faced with an influx of "global warming refugees," people displaced from low-lying metropolitan areas. If the sea rises up around them, residents of places like Hong Kong will have two choices: move out of the city or build a wall around it, which, Straub says, could not protect it indefinitely.

The idea of a mass exodus from an urban area brings to mind doomsday images, but perhaps the most frightening aspect of climate change is what it will do to food production. "If local conditions change very quickly-in 10 years as opposed to 1.000-organisms don't have time to adapt, and you find you can't grow the same things in an area that you once did," she says.

Although global warming could make Pennsylvania feel more like Virginia as the century progresses, Straub says, the mid-latitudes will likely be the least affected, because these areas will still be able to grow crops. This may not be the case in other areas around the globe, including Asia, where scientific computer modeling predicts regional temperatures could rise as much as 10 degrees Celsius before the century ends. causing drought and the potential for famine.

But should we be worried about what happens halfway around the world, especially when, as Straub puts it, "the U.S. government still kind of has its head stuck in the sand about the need [to reduce GHG emissions]"? Straub would say yes.

"The weight is still on us even if it doesn't directly affect us," she says. Higher energy costs and changes in food production are just two of the ways Americans will be impacted.

The burden these effects will place on the campus, as well as a deep-seated sense of social responsibility, prompted Susquehanna's faculty and administration to become part of the solution. With the convening of the Committee on Sustainability, the adoption of a strategic plan that makes sustainability a priority and a climate commitment that puts a bull's-eye on carbon emissions, the university is taking the initiative to fix its own backyard for the benefit of all mankind.

"As an institution of higher education, we need to show leadership by being responsible for these problems," says Straub. "We study global warming, we study water pollution, and it seems hypocritical if we turn around and pollute the water and the air."

The campus community agreed, and in the summer of 2008, Straub directed an audit of the institution's energy usage, food waste and recycling activities over a five-year period. Once the Committee on Sustainability knew where the university had been, it could recommend improvements. According to the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (2005), the largest planetary assessment in history, humans have changed ecosystems more rapidly in the last 50 years than in any otherhuman time period. In that time.

> **30** PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S **ARABLE LAND** HAS BEEN LOST

**70** PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S ORIGINAL **FORESTS** HAVE

BEEN ELIMINATED

90 PERCENT OF ALL LARGE FISH VANISHED FROM THE OCEANS

On a typical day, we lose 116 square miles of rainforest. or about an acre a second:

72 square miles to encroaching deserts as a result of human mismanagement and overpopulation:

40 to 100 species, and no one knows whether the number is 40 or 100; and the human population will increase

by 250,000; and we will add 2,700 tons of chlorofluorocarbons to the atmosphere and 15 million tons of carbon.

The committee's recommendations led to less paper use, more recycling and a bike-sharing program. Dining services abandoned its use of trays to reduce waste and water usage.

As with many of Susquehanna's earth-friendly initiatives, students were at the forefront of the move away from travs in the dining hall. To mark Earth Week 2008, the GeoClub organized a trayless dining week in Evert Dining Hall. ARA-MARK, Susquehanna's food service provider, saw immediate reductions in food and beverage waste, as well as water usage. In just one week, the dining hall's food waste was reduced by 265 pounds. Its beverage waste was cut by 5,770 gallons, and, with the reduction in dishwashing needs, 3,000 gallons of water were conserved.

The program was so successful that ARAMARK instituted trayless dining as a permanent practice. Today, the dining hall's average weekly food waste is 1,500 pounds less than it was before trayless dining was implemented. In addition, the conventional floor and table cleaners used in Evert Dining Hall were replaced with ion-based cleaners containing no chemicals, and more locally grown foods are now being served alongside recycled napkins.

(SAVE) is another student organization that is helping lead the campus community's sustainability efforts. Each year, the organization hosts a variety of events that educate the campus about the importance of sustainability and conservation.



As part of its climate commitment, Susquehanna is establishing a policy that all new compus construction will be built to at least the Green Building Council's standards for Silver LEED certification, the same level as the new science building.

This past fall, SAVE sponsored a No Impact Week, described as an eight-day experiment challenging the campus community to consume less, eliminate waste, practice more sustainable eating habits, and reduce its use of automobiles and water. In addition to such activities, student workers regularly collect and sort recyclable materials from residence halls and academic buildings.

On a larger scale, the new science building and five of seven buildings in the West Village housing complex were designed to meet or exceed the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification criteria. Features such as low-flow fixtures, motion-sensored lighting, high-efficiency water heaters, and high-value insulation that keeps the buildings warmer in winter and cooler in summer are just a few of the features that are helping the university conserve energy and, therefore, reduce its carbon emissions. Community-supported agriculture at the new Center for Environmental Education and Research also reduces carbon emissions by producing locally grown food sources, which cut back on the distance diesel-burning trucks need to carry food for delivery

Despite these strides, Susquehanna struggles to find a cleaner source of power. "This's the big apple in the tree," says Chris Bailey, director of facilities management, who has been charged with investigating alternative energy sources. "A significant portion of our carbon footprint comes from our use of electricity, natural gas and coal for heating and cooling the campus," he says. The university's central power plant is a coal-fired facility built nearly 50 years ago, and although it has been updated through the years to run cleaner and more efficiently, it is not an environmentally responsible choice for the future. "The plant runs as efficiently as ever, and with the investments we made two years ago in replacing 95 percent of the underground steam lines, it runs cleaner and allowed us to cut back on our use of coal by 20 percent." Balley says.

"So, we could continue doing exactly what we're doing now for the next 10 years, but we can't talk out of both sides of our mouths," he says, referencing Susquehanna's Climate Commitment.

The document is based on the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), launched in 2006 and signed by more than 475 colleges and universities. Susquehanna chose to use the ACUPCC as a framework to develop its own climate commitment rather than sign on to the existing document. University President L. Jay Lemons has praised the ACUPCC for its "laudable intentions," but noted that there is "considerable debate and some disagreement about the feasibility and even the metrics of carbon neutrality."

To balance leadership with realistic expectations, Susquehanna's pledge does not call for carbon neutrality, as does the ACUPCC document. Instead, it pledges to develop "a comprehensive plan that will lower total carbon emissions." In addition, the commitment calls for implementing "tangible actions" to reduce GHG emissions while the comprehensive plan is being developed over the next year. These actions include everything from adopting an energy-efficient appliance purchasing policy, to developing environmental guidelines for campus renovation projects, to establishing a policy that all new campus construction will be built to at least the U.S. Green Building Council's standards for Silver LEED certification, the same level as the new science building.

Moreover, Susquehanna's pledge encourages individuals to take personal responsibility for finding sustainable solutions to the environmental problems facing the world and recognizes that it will take both institutional and individual commitments to make a substantial impact. Mike Coyne, vice president of finance and treasurer, calls Susquehanna's climate commitment "something we can all sign with a straight face." As he explains it, Susquehanna's leadership would rather under-promise and over-deliver than shoot for what seems like an unrealistic goal.

"The confounding thing is that coal is cheap—and natural gas is going to be very cheap, but there are environmental problems with that, too," Coyne says. These energy sources—coal, which fires the central plant and supports 60 percent of campus, and natural gas, piped directly to the rest of campus—are used for Susquehanna's heating and air conditioning needs and yet are widely reconsized as unsustainable solutions.

Susquehanna has explored a variety of alternatives, including blomass fuel, solar panels and wind power. However, the land and capital needed to install enough solar panels or windmills make these alternatives unrealistic. Biomass is a viable option and may very well become part of Susquehanna's solution. Coyne and Balley are investigating the use of hybrid willow trees as a biofuel alternative. Should the university go this route, the hybrid willows, which will grow quickly and on marginal land, could be a boon for local farmers while also contributing to better air quality.

Another possibility has emerged from the entrepreneurial spirit of Trustee Emeritus Richard Caruso '65. Caruso has brought the idea of an experimental carbon-extraction technique to the attention of SU leaders. The Board of Trustees' Property and Finance Committee recently approved continued investigation of this technology. If it proves feasible, Susquehanna may serve as a pilot site for this new "clean coal" technology, which would allow the university to continue burning coal without emitting carbon into the air, Coyne says. "We're small enough that it's economically feasible to use our plant as a kind of proving ground."

While both the willow trees and the carbon-extraction technology sound promising, all agree that Susquehanna's best solution will probably be a combination of fuel sources. "Our solution is going to be a mosaic." Bailey says. "There is no one silver builer for us." ~

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# **DEFINING A MOVEMENT,**CHANGING A GENERATION

What is sustainability? The concept has no universally accepted definition, but what it is not, according to Emily Bowling '06, is "glorified environmentalism."

However, "the belief that modern industrial society is not sustainable is widely held," says Bowling. EcoHouse Program coordinator at the University of Connecticut. Following a two-year AmeriCorps assignment as the coordinator of volunteer programs at Susquehanna, Bowling earned a master's degree in educational leadership and policy with specialization in leadership in ecology, culture and learning from Portland State University. Her graduate studies wedded her undergraduate education in the sciences and the influence cross-cultural civic engagement has had on he increase construction civic engagement has had on he influence cross-cultural civic engagement has had on he influence cross-cultural civic engagement has had on he influence cross-cultural civic engagement has had on her increase.

"I went to New Orleans in my senior year (as part of Susquehanna's first Hurricane Relief Team), and it essentially turned my world upside down, Bowling says.

Now Bowling is trying to turn education upside down by promoting a paradigm shift in which sustainability and community-based learning take center stage across a broad spectrum of disdigitines. She brought her message to Susquehanna in October when she presented a seminar on this transformative approach to education, which challenges students to examine sustainability as an interdisiolinary oncept, explore societal issues representing obstacles in achieving sustainability, and find or create solutions through the practices they undertake in their daily lives and the choices ther make for their future.

"We are all world changers," Bowling says. "The choice is not whether, but how we change the world."

Such messages are reverberating throughout the Susquehanna campus this year as the 2010–11 University Theme, "A Sustainable Future," manifests trustelf in dastrooms and lecture halfs. The theme and its corresponding common reading address the complexity of the problem, including resource use, oppulation growth and protection of biodiversity, as well as issues of health, food production and consumerism.

The campus is examining these concerns through a 13-part film series focused on sustainable living, and with renowned guest lecturers such as feron State Professor of Blology Christopher Uhly Pulices Prize-winning author and Harvard biologist Edward Q. Wilson; and Woodrow Wilson Visting Fellow Anthony Cortese. Cortese is principal founder and president of Second Nature, a nonprofit organization committee to making healthy, just and sustainable action a foundation of all higher education learning and practice—a mission that Bowling would certainly support.

She believes that institutions of higher education have a moral obligation to address sustainability. But to do so requires an understanding of this elusive term. So what is sustainability?

"To me," Bowling says, "sustainability means transformation: seeing ourselves as part of the web of life and transforming just about everything in our lives."

## The 'Grove

### Q&A Carl O. Moses Provost and Dean of Faculty



Moses was selected to the top academic post at Susquehanna following a national search. In July, he succeeded Linda McMillin, who announced last year that she was returning to the classroom to teach history at Susquehanna after a highly successful seven-year term as provost. Moses brings 10 years of administrative and leadership experience to the position. In addition to serving four years as deputy provost for academic affairs at Lehigh University, he served six years as associate dean for undergraduate studies

in Lehigh's College of Arts and Sciences and as interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. An environmental scientist by training, Moses was a faculty member in the Department of Barth and Environmental Sciences at Lehigh from 1987 to 2010. He holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Princeton University, and master's and doctorate degrees in environmental sciences from the University of Virsinia.

SC: What attracted you to Susquehanna University?

CMG When I made the decision to look for an administrative position outside of my previous institution, I specifically wanted a private institution with an undergraduate, liberal arts focus and a very strong sense of itself. I call the latter "institutional ego," and it is a very important attribute. More specifically, I learned during the search process about Susquehamms new Gentral Curriculum, which is smbitious and reflects a lot of faculty thought and energy around defining what we expect of a graduate. An important part of the Central Curriculum is the cross-cultural requirement, which purs Susquehamns in a very distinctive position. Susquehamns is not a fixer-upper. It is well positioned for the future, and I was very eager to join its leadership team.

SC: What goals do you have for your first year at the helm of Susquehanna's academic affairs?

CM: A lot of the provost's work is based on collaboration and relationships, so my chief goal is to get to know Susquehanna people—my administrative, faculty and staff colleagues, as well

as students, alumni and friends. I also look forward to learning the culture, traditions and practices of Susquehanna.

SC: You taught environmental science throughout your tenure at Lehigh University. Why do you think it is important, even as an administrator, to continue teaching?

CM: What's really important to me about teaching is the authentic interaction with students, which informs substantial parts of my job. In the absence of teaching, I'm eager for other opportunities to meet students and talk about their Susquehanna experience.

SC: Where do you see Susquehanna going in the next five years? What accomplishments would bring you the most pride if realized in that timeframe?

CM: In the next five years, I see Susquehanna's reputation catching up to its reality. More students will seek us out as a place to get an excellent education and have a fuffilling collegiate experience, and they will do that because we will have demonsteated our ability to deliver results. Our students will be active learners, and they will become very engaged alumni. I also see Susquehanna becoming a more inclusive community, providing significant opportunities to a broader and more diverse population of students. The scholarly reputation of Susquehanna's faculty will continue to advance. Distinctive achievements due to our sustainability agenda will yield savings that allow deeper investments in the academic mission. I'm really not motivated by pride, but I will feel that I accomplished what I set out to do if I can leave Susquehanna, whenever that time comes, even better than I found it.

### **SYLLABUS**

Elections in America

Students Predict the Outcome of the 2010 Midterm Elections

The opening statement of the syllabus for Henritet Hendriks' Elections in America class asserts that "free and fair elections are the connectone of American democracy." To prove her point, Hendriks, an assistant professor of political science, saked her students to examine the midterm elections.

She divided the class into three groups and assigned each group a different Senate race to follow, in Florida, Nevada and Pennsylvania. The students wrote four short papers leading up to Election Day, outlining title states' profiles, voter demographics, media coverage and campalga advertisements.



Hendriks chose congressional elections because they are easier to examine. Whole states could be taken on by a group, and more information was available about the races because of current polls and advertising. Examining congressional elections is also a good way to study close elections and races. Pennsylvania's issues hit home for most Susquehanna students. and Florida's race, with an independent candidate running, was a three-way split. Nevada had a tight race between the majority leader and a Tea Party candidate.

Their work culminated in a "prediction paper" that identified who they thought the winners would be for their assigned state and why, given the information they had gathered

Two of the three groups predicted accurately when they chose Republican Pat Toomey as the winner of the Pennsylvania senatorial race and Republican Marco Rubio as the winner

But the exercise was about more than just looking at our political history and making a guess about its future. Hendriks says each state has a political culture. When she was in Minnesota, she got used to friendly competition, but in other places, says each state and region has a culture of its own, and cultural heritages carry their own values, which can echo in elections even today

What Hendriks ultimately wanted her students to learn from the class was that while quirky things do occur in elecare in it to win, and they end up doing similar things to achieve that goal.

### **FORWARD THINKING**

Centralia Research Sheds Light on Gulf Oil Spill

A town that comes with a warning to visitors might sound like something out of a horror movie-the last chance for the unsuspecting teen partygoer to turn back. But for the people who remain in Centralia, Pa., this is what welcomes them home each day. Despite the poisonous gases and sink holes created residents are fighting to stay in their hometown, and have been for years. Centralia had 1,435 residents in 1962, when the mine

who studies bacteria that live in extreme coal-mining environcould burn more than 1,500 acres and continue to burn for more than a century. "When the mine fire in Centralia first

ignited." Tobin says, "nobody imagined that it would burn so far and for so long, nor that it would take an entire town with it."

Tobin believes an uncertain future may also await the Gulf Coast as a result of the BP oil spill. "An unknown amount of oil still remains deep in the water, and its ultimate impact, whether



Research in the area of the Centralia, Pa., mine fire provides insights into the possible impacts of the Gulf Coast oil spill.

it remains in the deep ocean or washes back up on shore, remains to be seen."

Disasters such as Centralia and the Gulf Coast oil spill naturally affect biological processes within ecosystems, and it takes time to understand the extent of their impact. But there is hope, even in a forbidden land like Centralia, where life seems to carry on in spite of itself. There is, in fact, potential for unearthing a rare, new thermophilic (heat-loving) bacterial species. These species are particularly rare in North America, and a couple of them might produce new bioproducts for human or environmental use.

Likewise, Tobin says, bacteria near the oil spill may feed off the oil to sustain itself. Other living organisms, such as birds. fish and marine mammals, can't do that. They will only survive, she says, if time and money are spent to rescue the animals and repair their environment.

## The 'Grove

### KUDOS

### SU Faculty Recognized for Excellence in Teaching and Service

Each year, Susquehanna University honors two of its faculty members with academic awards for exemplary service to the institution. The 2010 winners are professors Ken Brakke and Warren Funk.

Both awards are determined by open nominations from the faculty and, in the case of the Teaching Award, also from the Student Government Association. Nominations are reviewed by the Faculty Personnel Committee, which, in turn, submits award recommendations to university President L. Jay Lemons for confirmation.

Brakke, the Charles B. Degenstein Professor of Mathematical Sciences, was awarded the John C. Horn Lectureship for outstanding scholarship and conscientious service to the university. The award is named for a former longtime member and chair of Susquehanna's Board of Directors, As this year's recipient, Brakke will deliver a public lecture during the 2010–11 seademic vess.

Brukke earned his doctorate degree from Princeton University and joined the Susqueharma University faculty in 1983. His research focuses on the surface properties of soap film and bubbles. He is the author of the Surface Bvolver program, which models the shapes of liquid surfaces subject to various energies and constraints. The Surface Evolver has hundreds of thesers around the world and is in continuing development. It has been used for consulting work on subjects ranging from stellite fuel tanks in weightlessness to liquid solder shapes to high-altitude balloons. It also played a role in the design of the

"His nominators praise him as an internationally recognized scholar of the highest quality," said former Provost and Dean of Faculty Linda McMillin in presenting the award to Brakke at Commencement.

Funk, professor of philosophy, was bonored with the Susquehanna University Teaching Award. Funk earned a bachelor's degree from Saint Olaf College and a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Luther Theological Seminary. After earning his doctorate degree at Columbia University, he accepted a position at Susquehanna University in 1995 as an administrator. In 2003 he joined the faculty and developed expertise in the philosophy of religion, with a focus on Austrian-British philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein. Punk also specializes in contemporary phiiosophy of religion and epistemology, and American pragmatism. He teaches a wariety of courses in philosophy, including Problems in Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, and Aesthetics. "His intellect was unquestionable, almost daunting at times, and I'd like to think a good share of it rubbed off on me during my time in his class," said one student as part of Funk's award nomination.

### Staff Recognized for Service

Each year, Susquebanna bestows the Gates Award on staff members who exemplify outstanding service to the university. Established by Signe Gates '71, vice chair of Susquehanna's Board of Trustees, the award honors these employees for advancing the strategic objectives of the university and enhancing the undergraduate experience. This year the award went to Margie Briskey, Comie Trelinski and Kathy Kroupa.

Brisker, administrative director of the health center, led the university through the HINI, flu crisis last year. She was also instrumental in forging a partnership with Celsinger Health System distregulated in the development of a new student health center and public medical clinic on compus. Phil Winger, vice possident for students life and dean of students, calls Briskey a strong advocate for students. "Winger and the entire student life leadership team nominated Briskey, as did Vice President of Finance and Terasurer Mike Covne.

Coyne also nominated Ttelinski, administrative assistant for facilities management, for her competence, dedication and positive attitude. Coordinating maintenance for a growing campus is a hectic job, but, Coyne says, Trelinski Thas managed to stay comfortably on top of all the work and treats everyone with respect and good cheer, be they the president or a newly hired employee."

Kroupa, head women's soccer and softball coach, received Landmark Conference Coach of the Year awards in both sports. Kroupa's contributions off the field include work on campus committees, such as the Blas Response and Education Team, and creation of the SU Team GPA Award, sparking a new ficus on team academic performance. "Kathy's tremendous commitment to excellence on the field, combined with her genuine desire to develop the student-athlete as a whole person, is a perfect fit with SU's mission," says Director of Athletics Pam Samuelson, who nominated Kroupa.

### Writers Institute Makes Strides

This year has marked major growth and success for The Writers Institute at Susquehanna University. The program opened the 2010-11 academic year with a record 165 creative writing majors and unveiled a new Writers Institute building on University Avenue, a place for faculty, alumni and students to study and share their work.





















Gary Fincke

Glen Retief

Four members of the creative writing faculty are enjoying notable literary success. Professor of English Gary Fincke, director of the Writers Institute and Charles B. Degenstein Chair of English and Creative Writing, is getting his work noticed by Hollywood. Film rights were sold for his nonfiction book Amp'd (Michigan State University Press, July 2004), Amp'd is the second book from SU's creative writing faculty to have its screen rights sold to Hollywood. Mathew Aldrich has written a screenplay of The Grace That Keeps This World (Random House, Crown Publishing Group, 2005), a novel by Professor of English and Creative Writing Tom Bailey. Producer Mark Johnson of Gran Via Co. and director Barry Jackson are currently sending the script to actors for review. Fincke and Bailey also had books published this year. Fincke's memoir, The Canals of Mars, was released in March by Michigan State University Press, and the second edition of Bailey's guidebook, On Writing Short Stories, was released by Oxford University Press in July and translated into Korean. Bailey also has two novels, Sunny Hills and Two Hearts, awaiting release by Random House.

Additionally, Karla Kelsey, assistant professor of English and creative writing, had her book, Iteration Nets, published

by Ahsahta Press in September 2010, The lack Bank, a memoir by Assistant Professor of English and Creative Writing Glen Retief, is slated for publication in April by St. Martin's Press.

Fincke attributes the program's growth to good word of mouth. Alumni publication and graduate school success continue to distinguish the program. Jay Varner '03's memoir. Nothing Left to Burn (Algonquin Books, 2010), Nick Ripatrazone '03's prose poetry collection, Oblations (Gold Wake Press, 2011), and the upcoming publication of Sarah Turcotte '09's short story, Scars, in The Atlantic are just a few examples of the success creative writing alumni are enjoying. Fincke says graduate school success also is "off the charts," with students in top-flight graduate programs at such institutions as the University of Iowa, Johns Hopkins University and the University of Houston.

# **Score**board

#### **BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE SUCCESS**

Collegiate head coaches would work all day and night if minor needs like food, sleep and family didn't get in the way. There is always a game to plan, game film to review and recruits to contact. But thanks to the generosity of several alumni, Susquehanna's head coaches can share the workload with college graduates eager to get some experience under their belts.

John R. Strangfeld '75, president of the Board of Trustees, and his wife, Mary Kay, are the faces behind Susquehanna's athletics

Despite not being a student-athlete during his days at SU, Strangfeld knew the significant impact athletics programs had on the campus environment, where the university now boasts 29 varsity. sports and one-quarter of the student body are student-athletes.

"Susquehanna's offering of quality academics and quality athletics is an important part of the university's value proposition," Strangfeld said when the program was first established.

Strangfeld and his wife structured the \$500,000 offit that established the program so that seven positions-six assistant doaches and one intramural intern-would be funded for five years.

"That first year had such an Initial Impact on on-field coaching, recruiting, generating applications, increasing the class size and so much more," says Pam Samuelson, director of athletics, "Those were the visible effects, but these interns also contributed in so with our student-athletes because they were closer in age,"

After seeing the initial impact of the internship program, Strangfeld was no longer content with just seven positions. He decided to issue a fund-raising challenge to expand the program for its sophomore season.

The Strangfelds financed the addition of two more interns and issued a call for matching funds. Trustee Edward Schmit '69 was on board with the Strangfelds' plan, as was the university. Schmidt the program to 13 interns in 2007-08.

Head women's soccer and softball coach Kathy Kroupa, the relgning Landmark Conference Coach of the Year in both sports, can attest to the impact the internship program has had on the athletics program.

"Our Interns have done a remarkable job in propelling our has allowed our programs to progress at an incredibly fast rate. There is a great deal of pride and a sense of accomplishment within our department right now, and there is no doubt in my mind that a

as much benefit from the program as the student-athletes and coaches do, which was all part of Strangfeld's broader vision for the program. \*[By] providing an entrée into collegiate coaching, the interns have an opportunity to both learn and make a difference."

A case in point: Justin Makar '07, a former Susquehanna men's soccer player and assistant coach. Makar spent four seasons playing for head coach Jim Findlay, and after graduation, the Internship program afforded him the opportunity to pursue his goal of becoming a collegiate soccer coach.

to learn and mature as a young coach," says Makar, now an assistant coach at Division I Lafavette College, "I learned not only from Coach always learn and better your coaching abilities is one of the ideas that I will carry with me throughout my career."

In sports, it's typically impossible to have more than one winner, but at Susquehanna the Impossible has been achieved in only a few short years.



Assistant softball coach Katle Botkins (left) and head coach Kathy Kroupa (right) took the 2010 Susquehanna softball team to the program's first-ever NCAA Tournament.

### Hit and Run

The Susquehanna football team opened the 2010 season at Moravian in what marked the Crusaders' first game as a member of the Centennial Conference.

A group of SU teams, coachés and staff traveled to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa., to raíse money for the Seth and Alex Fund, established to support the needs of Seth Lauver and Alexandra Mullen, two Selinsgrove Area High School students who were critically injured in a car crash while traveling home from their prom on May 22. Over two days, Susquehanna raised more than \$2.500 for the chaftix.

Both the men's and women's cross country teams were picked to finish first in the Landmark Conference preseason polls.

Three times in the first month of competition, senior women's cross country runner Alycia Woodruff, of West Chester. Pa. was named-the Landmark Conference Female Runner of the Week.

#### REMEMBERING SU LEGEND JIM HAZLETT



Jim Hazlett '52, a former three-sport athlete, athletics director and coach at Susquehanna University, passed away at his home in Richmond, Va., on Aug. 4.

Born on Jan. 13, 1926, in Tarentum, Pa., Hazlett played football, baseball and basketball for the Crusaders and was named Athlete of the Year in 1952. In 1966, he was named athletics director and assumed duties as the head football and baseball coach.

As a football player, Hazlett anchored the offensive line at center from 1950 to 1951 for the legendary father-son coaching combination of Amos Alonzo Stago Jr. and Sr. In 1951, the Crusaders went a perfect C-O, while Hazlett earned Associated Press Little All-America honors at his center position. He helped the team average 30.8 points per game and win each game by an average of 15 points. During his playing career, the Crusaders compiled a 10–21 record.

Before transferring to Susquehanna, Hazlett served in the Air Force during World War Il and, upon discharge, went to Kiski Prep in Saltzburg, Pa., and Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa.

Durgy, P.a., and westminister Courseg in rew wrimining for the As a coach from 1966 to 1977. Hazlett guided Susquehanna's football team to a 39–69–3 record over 12 seasons. The 1970 Crusaders posted a 7–3 record, won the Middle Atlantic Conference North Division and defeated Georgetown University, 45–20, in an NCAA playoff game. Hazlett was inducted into the Susquehanna University Sports Hall of Fame in 1974. He is also enshrined in the Edinborn College Hall of Fame and was inducted into the Alle-Kiski Soorts Hall of Fame in 1987.

Current Assistant Football Coach Bob Pitello '51, an SU football legend in his own right, was one of Hagelt's closest friends. Pitello and Hazlett played together at Susquehanna when Hazlett was the Crusaders' center and Pitello was the squad's left guard. The pair then coached together for 12 years. Pitello reflected on a few qualities of Jim's that made him unique and unforgettable.

#### SC: What's your fondest memory of lim?

BP: He never said a cuss word. Never. In a sport where everyone cusses, he never did. And he was well respected. Jim was an intelligent man, a very good athlete and a very good student.

#### SC: What's something that you knew about Jim that everyone else may not have known?

BP: He transferred here just to play for [Susquehanna Hall of Fame] Coach Amos Alonzo Stagg Sr. Jim Joved him so much. If Coach Stagg Sr. had wanted him to dive over the bleachers, he would have. And Coach loved Jim, too, as a player and an individual.

#### SC: What do you will most about Im?

BP: We used to talk every month. We'd call each other, and every time he'd ask me, "Are you going back (to coach) next year, Bob?" Anyone who played for him or coached with him loved him. He was so dedicated to football, and that's what made him great. He'd do anything for the game.

# **Score**board

### CALLING ALL CROSS COUNTRY, TRACK & FIELD ALUMNI

The Susquehanna cross country and track & field programs have announced that the annual Jim Taylor Track & Reld invitational on March 26, 2011, will also mark the programs' first Alumnt Day.

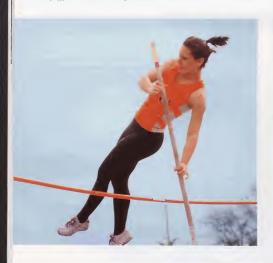
The event will be an opportunity to meet and greet former SU runners and coaches. It also marks one of the first alumni functions of the newly formed Susquehanna Track & Cross Country Alumni Association.

The outdoor track's newly installed mondo surface will debut during the event, and the teams will highlight other recent updates around Susquehanna's campus.

All alumni and former coaches are invited to the event. Already scheduled to be in attendance are former coaches Jim Taylor, Dick Hess, Tommy Moore, Stan Seiple, Cris Delbaugh and Randi Kunkel, as well as current head coach Marty Overs.

The event will include refreshments in the Apple Community Room of the James W. Garrett Sports Complex. A dinner will be held at BJ's Steak & Rib House following the meet.

Those interested in attending the event or Joining the Track & Cross Country Alumni Association can sign up on SU Bridge, http://www.suafum.com. Questions may be directed to Jim Taylor at taylor@ptd.net or Dick Hess at dhess@verizon.net.



### Hit and Run

Men's basketball forward Fran Brzyski '11, of Jamison, Pa., Joined

A new outdoor track at Nicholas A. Lopardo Stadium was laid this past summer.

Susquehanna has debuted its own

Head Women's Lacrosse Coach Laura Moan picked up her 100th career victory last season. Moan went on to be named the Landmark Conference Women's Lacrosse Coach of the Year, one of five SU coaches to earn Coach of the Year honors.





President L. Jay Lemons holds up the Landmark Conference All-Sports President's Cup during a half-time ceremony at the first home football game Sept. 11.

### RECOGNIZING A BANNER YEAR

town only at the first home football game Supt. 11. The past year saw teams, individuals and coaches earn an impressive array of accolades and championships.

Fittingly, the 2009 Liberty League championship football team was honored first. On hand to accept the championship trophy were many of the seniors from that 2009 squad, including All-American and Academic All-American Dave Paveletz '10.

Next to be honored was men's golf, the 2010 Empire 8 champions, Led by head coach Don Harnum, the team captured the confer-

Dlay, Susquehanna President L. Jay Lemons

# People Places

### Assistantship Position Leads to Distinctive Science Fellowship for SU Student

When Tiffany Becker '12 came to Susquehanna, she worried she wouldn't perform as with caedemically as she did in high school. 'It's not that I have to be the best at everything, but I wanted to make my family, my former teachers and myself proud,' says the biology major from Nanticoke, Pa. But Becker doesn't need to worry about that anymore.

She was one of only 13 students from undergraduate institutions—and 40 students total—to receive an Undergraduate Research Fellowship from the American Society of Microbiology (ASM) this year. Recipients are judged on their academic and research success, as well as their career goals pertinent to microbiology.

ASM supported Becker in her research, titled Characterization of Thermophilic Actinomycetes Present in Soils Overlaying the Centralia, Pa., Mine Fire. Centralia's mine fire has been burning for decades, endangering the area and causing the town's abandomment. Guided by Tammy Tobin, professor of biology, Becker attempted to find new bacteria species from Centralia's soil that might be suitable for medicinal or industrial bioproducts.

Fellowship winners completed 10 weeks of summer research. For Becker, that meant continuing, in the new science building, the work she began during the 2009–10 academic year. Her work included culturing bacteriac ledis and extracting DNA from Centralia soil. The fellowship entitled Becker to a stipend, ASM student membership and, if her abstract is approved for presentation, an expense-paid trip to ASMS 111th annual meetine in New Orleans this May.

Becker attributes her achievement to the university assistantship she began with Tobion as a freshman. The assistantship program is a selective scholarship that provides first-year students with the opportunity to work professionally with faculty and staff mentors throughout their four years at Susquehanna.

"Many biology students do not begin research until their junior or senior years," Becker says. "The assistantship has allowed me to do research since my first week at SU. I think that



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having two years of research experience as a sophomore made me stand out [to the fellowship committee]."

Becker's fellowship not only provided her with the opportunity to "gain valuable data" for her research, but also brought recognition for her hard work. "Being recognized for my achievements reaffirms that I'm doing a good job," she says.

Tobin says the achievement also "speaks volumes about the importance of Stsupehanan University's emphasis on undergraduate scholarship. The university provides a variety of opportunities for students to pursue independent projects and then to present them at conferences nationwide," Tobin says. "It is through programs like these that our students get the training that prepares them for all of their postgraduate plans, from jobs to graduate and professional schools. And that makes them competitive applicants for grants such as the ASM fellowship."



### **University Choir Takes to the Road**

The Susquehanna University Choir will embark on its annual concert tour in March. Performing under the direction of Rodney Caldwell, the Cyril M. Stretansky Professor in Choral Music, the choir has appearances scheduled in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and Connecticut. Additional concerts also are being added to the itinerary. Visit http://www.susqu.edu/music for updates.

March 5 Concert 7:30 p.m. Christ's Lutheran Church 700 E. Pennsylvanja Ave. Oreland, Pa.

March 6 Service TBD Christ's Lutheran Church 700 E. Pennsylvania Ave. Oreland, Pa.

March 6 Concert 4 p.m. St. Martin's Lutheran Church 1120 Spa Road Annapolis, Md.

March 7 School Performance 8:45 a.m. St. Martin's Lutheran Church and School 1120 Spa Road Annapolis, Md.

March 7 Concert 7 p.m. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 250 Fox Hill Road Hampton, Va.

March 8 School Performance 9:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and School 250 Fox Hill Road

March 8 Concert 7:30 p.m. The Camp Hill Presbyterian Church 101 N. 23rd St. Camp Hill, Pa.

March 19 Concert 7:30 p.m. First Lutheran Church 88 Cooke St. Waterbury, Conn.

March 20 Service 9:30 a.m. First Lutheran Church 88 Cooke St. Waterbury, Conn.

March 20 Return From Tour Concert 8 p.m. Stretansky Concert Hall Susquehanna University

### East Meets West in SU's Study-Abroad Program in Macau

Known for its casino industry, the bustling Asian metropolis of Macau is a world apart from the tranquil setting of Susquehanna's campus, More than 100 high-speed vessels—jetfolis, nurbo-cats, jumbo-cats and hover ferries—connect the people of this Chinese peninsula with Hong Kong and mainland China. Brief and inexpensive flights take people to other Asian destinations, including Thailand, Vietnam and Singapore. But Associate Professor of Anthropology Shart Jacobson and her four student-traveling compenion discovered that Macau is "in its own right, a very compelling place to live."

During the spring semester, Jacobson served as director of an exchange program known as SU in China: Macau. The Susquehanns students she chaperoned took classes at the University of Macau, an expanding institution with more than 6,900 students—and plans to build a second campus—situated among the towaring casinos and hotels of today's cosmopolitan Macau and the brightly colored architecture of its Portuguese past.

"You have this older kind of Chinese culture," Jacobson says, "You still have a lot of Portuguese architecture. There are still Portuguese people." The University of Macau's emblem features a bridge symbolizing the fusion of eastern and western cultures in this special administrative region of China, once colonized by Portugal.

There is no shortage of nightlife in Macau, but within 15 minutes of leaving the city, Jacobson says, "you're on a black sand beach or hiking in subtropical forests." The students who accompanied Jacobson seized every opportunity for cross-cultural enough.

His first time on horseback, Alexander Davis '11 embarked on a three-day trek through mountains and Tibetan villages. Back in Macau, he enjoyed "walking atmiesaly around the city" and taking ferry rides to Hong Kong. Meanwhile, Kristen Dambeek '13 participated in rock climbing, tackwando and concert band. Both fondly recall socializing in the TV rooms at their dormitories.

"I really appreciated the way each student carved out his or her own experience," Jacobson says. "It's not only for one kind of major. It's not only for people with a narrow set of interests," Her traveling companies are a case in point. Davis is a psychology major from Nochester, N. T., while Dumbeck is a business major from Westmoreland City, Pa. The other two students in their group were Aaron Abel '11 and Amanda Adams '12, a creative weighing major from Malvern, Pa., and an international studies—Asian studies major from Meshoppen, Pa., respectively.

Each student found immense value in the Macau experience, Davis was most impressed by the openness of Macau's people.
"Everywhere I went, the environment was super friendly, and it felt like home." Dumbeck describes her stay in Macau as "dynamic, influential and tolifling."

Jacobson takes a broader perspective. "In 10 years, we could have 50 or 60 SU alumni who have visited and spent time with Chinese friends in their homes. To be a liberal arts college in the middle of Pennsylvania and have this robust network of alumni who have experience and connections in Chins, that seems like a lot of value."



Nos most recent group of travelers to Macau, from left to right, front row. Amanda Adams '12, Kristen Dumbech'13 and Asadate Professor of Anthropology Sharl Jacobson; back row. Alexander Davis '11 and Aaron Abel' 11.

### **Clearing a Trail for Conservation**

Lauren Smith '11 spent last summer being a traiblazer—literally. Over the summer, she worked for the Student Conservation Association (SCA), a national nonprofit organization that sends high school students to work in national, state and county parks.

As a crew leader for SCA's New Jersey Green Team. Smith led a group of 15- to 18-year-olds in efforts to make the Ridge Trail at Cushetunk Mountain Preserve safer and more accessible. Their work during the six-week program included adding rock steps to steep areas, moving boulders to fend off rock slides and dig-

ging drainage areas.

It was hard labor, but Smith inspired perseverance among crew members by adding a little bit of fun to the toil. "The best way to motivate the crew members is to be motivated yourself," she says. "If that mean making corny jokes and being ridiculously enthusiastic about boring jobs and hard hikes, then it has to be done."



Smith, a Phillipsburg, N.J., native, worked as a Green Team crew member in 2004, 2005 and 2006, and as a crew leader apprentice in 2008. With other crew alumni, she even snagged a \$10,000 grant for the Green Team from DoSomething.

Smith's work with the Green Team last summer served as an internship for her earth and environmental sciences major, and she is researching graduate programs that emphasize conservation. During the school year, Smith works on recycling ef-

forts in several academic and administrative buildings. She also maintains contact with crew members to encourage their return to the Green Team.

"Maybe if they come back to the program, they'll decide to remain involved in the environment in the future, which makes me feel like I'm doing my part," Smith explains.

Her passion shows as she readily lists reasons to improve park accessibility, including the parks' capacity to promote active lifestyles, provide affordable recreation options and increase awareness of environmental issues.

Sonith says her work with the Green Team has had a tremendous impact on her career plans, "I started college undecided, and then I had an epiphany and was like, "I greet up on a dairy farm, and I love my job building hiding trials. I clearly like working outdoors, so I need to pursue these interests." And with Smith on the trail of conservation, the future looks greener already.

### Alumnus-Led Program Benefits Students and Teachers Alike

Practical experience is a must for new teachers hitting the job market, and select Susquehanna students may have a leg up on the competition, thanks to a young alumnus who provides education majors with the opportunity to build their résumés. Victoria Avilles '11, of Harrisburg, Pa., and Elizabeth Etz '11, of Cortland, N.Y., were the elementary education majors who landed summer internships this year with Ryan McGuire' '04, in elementary school teacher in the Selinsgrove Area School District and director of its Summer Seals program.

Summer Seals is a day camp for students going into fourth and fifth grade who need help achieving grade-appropriate academic skills. Besides obtaining the academic assistance they need, students in the free camp are treated to field trips and other fun activities. "Summer Seals provides some of these children with opportunities they may never have had," says McGuire.

Since Aviles and Etz are elementary education majors, this internship suited both of them perfectly.

For several weeks this summer, both taught math, reading and writing to students who were experiencing difficulty in these areas. They also taught a "unit," or a week-long lesson, that they planned entirely by themselves. Aviles asys the experience has made her more comfortable in the role of teacher in a classroom, and she credits McGuire with the knowledge she's gained.

The benefits are not one-sided, however, "SU students play a major role in the success of Summer Seals Day Camp," asys McGuire. "Each teacher is a student from SU's education program." These rising seniors and recent graduates get their feet wet before student teaching or taking their first full-time positions.

But for Aviles, gaining teaching experience was only part of the value she found in Summer Seals. Being able to work with a Susquehanna alumnus was just as a dvantageous. "It's reassuring to be encouraged by a successful alumnus in my own field," she says. "Knowing that he went through the same process I'm currently working on pushes rne to my greatest potential and gives me hope for my future as an educator."

In addition to helping the interns, McGuire says, "It also helps the SU alturn get new ideas for the classroom... This interaction is beneficial for the SU students to help them gain experience and confidence, and it is also be reficial for SU alums to keen in touch, with the ever-changing world of education."

Contributing writers to the People & Places section are Charlotte Lotz '12 and Megan McDermott '14.



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### taled \$75.2 million by the June 30 closing date.

alumni, parents, students, faculty, staff, friends, businesses, foundations and government agencies, whose contributions topaign during Homecoming Reunion Weekend in October. The campaign's target of \$70 million was met and exceeded by Donors and friends joined faculty and staff to celebrate the successful completion of the Changing Lives, Building Futures cam-

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# Campaign News

### CHANGING LIVES





### **NEW SCIENCE BUILDING**

The centerplece of the campaign, an 81,000-square-foot science building, elevates Susquehanna's programs in blology, chemistry, and earth and environmental sciences to new levels of quality. Donor gifts and grants funded approximately \$20 million of the \$32 million project. The building is an investment in Susquehanna's core commitment to delivering an excellent liberal arts education, for which science remains accorrections.

The liberal arts education challenges students to study not only what they have a natural aptitude for, but that which will develop and cultivate the capacity for critical thinking, analysis and reasoned judgment's aid John Strangfald, president of the Susquehanna University Board of Trustees, and president and CEO of Prudential Financial, during the building's dedication.

Marle Burns '92, professor of ophthalmology and vision science at the University of California, Davi's Center for Neuroscience, said the sciences at Susquehanna play an Integral role in developing these skills. The Believe that Susquehanna offers a rare opportunity for forging a new darty for tomorrow's society, said Burns, who presented the keynote address at the dedication ceremony.

The students who will fill the halls of this building will not just be science majors, but also religion majors and business majors, and they will have the opportunity to interact one-on-one with faculty who are equally unique in their commitment to discourse and debate, their encouragement of difficult questions, and above all, their commitment to teaching their students to think critically.

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Thanks to the hundreds of donors who supported construction of this spectacular new facility, it is already creating exciting new teaching and learning opportunities for students and faculty.



### Campaign News

#### SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY FUND

The great majority of Campaign donors supported the Susquehanna University Fund (SUF). Their gifts flowed directly and Immediately to support such things as scholarships, print and digital resources in the liferary, athleties, student activities, volunteer, programs, faculty-student research, and music and drama performances. A donor who supports the SUF sends an important message: "I believe in Susquehanna University." Thanks to the thousands of believers for making a critical difference with their gifts. \*\*









### EVERY 1 COUNTS: THE MILLION-DOLLAR ALUMNI CHALLENGE

Everyone did count in this closing challenge of the campaign. A total of 1,983 alumni stepped forward and gave gifts during the campaign's last six months to claim \$1.1 million in challenge gifts from Susquehanna's Board of Trustees. Graduates from as far back as the 1950s, along with representatives from the current student body and a range of classes in between, rallied to leverage this extraordinary opportunity and were proud to tell the worlds," just helped Susquehanna get \$1 million." Thank yould.

"What happened over the last four years in this campaign is a continuing expression of love and support that dates back over 150 years," said President L. Jay Lemons. The App family and the people of Selinsgrove stepped forward in 1858 when our founder, Benjamin Kurtz, sought a community that would embrace his educational vision. Donors in this campaign have acted similarly, and their generosily epaglics us to assemble an ever-stronger academic foundation, better preparing Susquehanna students, to face challenges and make contributions in an increasingly diverse and interconnected world."

During the dedication ceremony for the science building, Lemons reiterated sentiments that echoed throughout the weekend: "There's really not much more I can say than thank you, thank you, Large and small, every gift made a difference here. We're grateful for your faith in us, your trust in us and your hope for the future."

# Spring Fling June 3-5

It's a do-it-yourself weekend where you and your closest college friends can spend a leisurely weekend on campus, or join some of the reunions already in the works:

- » SU Couples Weekend Getaway Extravaganza, complete with a Sweethearts Dinner and Dance
- » Wally Growney Celebrity Roast
- » Music Alumni Reunion
- » Baseball Alumni Clay Shoot
- » Emeriti Alumni Luncheon for alumni who have already celebrated their

Reminisce with one of these reunion groups, or reclaim the "good old days" in your own way. It's your weekend, done your way. So mark your calendars for June 3—5!

Stay tuned for more information at http://www.sualum.com.

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# **Alumni Notes**

### Message Board



Thank You

The alumni relations staff: (left to right) Susan Kreisher, Jodi Swartz, Ingrid "Cookie" Davidsen '69 and Becky Bramer '92 Deitrick.

- for helping to recruit the Class of 2014 by attending a college fair, hosting an event, or talking with prospective students and families about Susquehanna.
  - for coming to campus to meet with students.
    - ... for making a gift, resulting in scholarships, a new science building and \$1 million from the Board of Trustees.
    - ... for mentoring students and providing valuable career advice.
    - ... for subscribing to SUBridge, the online alumni community, and updating your profile.
    - ... for hiring interns and graduates.
    - ... for serving on reunion committees.
    - ... for attending Homecoming Reunion Weekend, or a performance, lecture or athletic event.
  - ... for helping to launch one of Susquehanna's regional alumni chapters.
- ... for remembering coaches, professors, deans and others who have been important in your life.
  - ... for wearing orange and maroon.
  - ... for sending one of your own children or grandchildren to school here.
- ... for staying connected to the Susquehanna community.

Did you find yourself somewhere in this list? If you did, we appreciate that you are a Susquehanna champion. Thank you for being an advocate, a cheerleader, a supporter, a teacher, a learner, a difference-maker.

If you clidn't find yourself in the activities mentioned above, maybe now is your time. Susquehanna needs you in all these ways and more. I hear this comment from graduates too often: "I'd like to help, but I don't know what you need or what I can do, and I don't have a lot of time." Some of the items above can take as little as 10 minutes—even less if you wear T-shirts!

Call me at 570-372-41.15 or write me at alumni@susqu.edu. I would love to help you identify a means of supporting SU that's good for you and the university, and puts us in a position to say "Thank you!"

#### Sincerely,

Becky Bramer '92 Deitrick Director of Alumni Relations



### 1963

Carol Marburger '63 Koch was commissioned and installed as an associate in ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wernersville, Pa. She attended Philadelphia Theological Seminary.

## 1972

Alan Bennett '72 was appointed president and CEO of H&R Block Inc., headquartered in Kansas City, Mo.

## 1973

James Bregen 73 was inducted into the sght falso of the Pennsylvania Scholastic Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Bergen began teaching mathematics in Montoursville, Pa., School District in 1973. He became head forball coach in 1987 and, since then, has compiled a 201–69-2 record. His career includes 10 league titles and six District IV champloonships. He has served as an assistant for the Big 13 game and was inducted into the West Branch Sports Hall of Fame in 2006.

## 1975

Robert Amweg '75 was appointed chief financial officer at Turner Investment Partners in Berwyn, Pa. He lives in Yardley, Pa.

James Bates 'y earned a Doctor of Musical Arts in choral conducting with an emphasis in early music from the University of North Carolina at Greenborn. He is director of musical Fliest Baptist Church of Lexington, N.C. and the conductor of Carolina. Baroque. He is also tuvolved in various early music performance ensembles in North Carolina.

Gene Walters '75 has earned certification in professional counseling from the American

Board of Professional Counselors (ABPC). He was also designated a diplomar for the American Psychotherapy Association. The ABPC, established by the American Psychotherapy Association. The ABPC, established by the American Psychotherapy Association is the nations leading organization to promote and support the profession of psychotherapy. The American Psychotherapy Association is an interdisciplinary membership association that provides mental health professionals with the tools and resources necessary to be successful and build stronger practices in the sast century. Wellers is a retired commander of the American Country of the American Country and the Country of the American Country of the Psychological Country and Strategies and the U.S. Army. He holds to advanced degrees, including a masterior degree in basiness administration, Mastere of Arts degree in national security and strategie studies from the Naval War College, and a doctorate is accidented in Social work. He was also awarded three honorary doctorates and earned two undergraduate degrees. He is a member of Billmrores' Who's Adirectory of notable business leading and sunters in degrees and successful Suttiness's Section and Sunters in Section of Sunters and successful Suttiness's Section and member of Billmrores' Who's Adirectory of notable business leadings and successful Sunters is Section and Section Secti

## Edward Clancy '78 wash

Edward Clancy '78 was promoted to chair of ACE Group Insurance's life division, which includes the company's international life insurance and life reinsurance businesses.

## 1981

Linda Allen '81 Slothower was named principal at Green Acres Elementary School in Fort Morgan, Colo.

## 1982

Steve Tingley '82 is the chief medical information officer a Mount Nittany Medical Center: State College, Pa.

## 1984

Jay Feaster '84 was appointed to assistant general manager of the Calgary Flames.

### 1986

Kirk Jones '86 is president and owner of Navitus Associates LLC in Harrisburg, Pa. Navitus Associates provides full building energy audits and infrared thermography services to commercial building owners and operators throughout the United States.

Dawne Fritz '86' Veet has been accepted into Pennaylvania State University's graduate degree program in training and development. She is working toward a Master of Education degree. She bas been an operations trainer at 'Three Milejbr, titand Nuclear Generating Station, located near Harrisburg, Pau, since july 2009. Be also directs the Freedom Valley Chorus of Sweet Addines Interational.

## 1987

Robert Vivian Jr. '87 was named the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's new legislative lialson. He has 20 years of governmental and political experience.

## 1990

Colin Howlett' 90 was hired as associate athletic director for academic services at The University of Texas at San Antonio.

1991

Mark Nicholas '91 is the author of the book I Come First, which was released in October. He is chief counsel at a major financial institution in Los Angeles, speaks at Industry functions, and works with regulators to draft policies and advise on industry standards.

## 1992

Thomas Isenberg 'ya relocated his law practice and joined McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC, located in Harrisburg, Pa. Toolis in a member of the firm's construction law practice group and will continue to represent owners, contractors and subcontractors with an emphasis on construction conseling, contract negotiations, construction and survey claim litigation and claim negotiations.

## 1995

Born to Laleh and Seth Baublitz '95, a daughter, Dellah Shireen, Nov. 29, 2005. She Joins big sister Ariana and big brother Breven. Seth is an orthopedic surgeon specializing in sports medicine and arthroscopic surgery. The couple live and work in Lancaster, Pa.

Born to Jennifer and Craig Dyer '95, a son, Liam Jensen, April 23. They live in Oak Creek, Wis.

Kelly Walter '95 is the executive director of Herr Memorial Library in Mifflinburg, Pa.

## 1996

Jeremy Bouman '96 was named director of corporate and foundation relations at Creighton University in July. He lives in Omaha, Neb.

Kimberly Tavares '96 married Brandon Godshall on April 30 at Calvary Episcopal Church in Conshohocken, Pa. Amy Vogel '96 Suchanek, Tammy Shutters '96 Alofs, Jacquie Lisa '97 Dinsmore, Gina Lamana '96 Adone

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and Cheryl Irvine '96 Ruckman were in the wedding party. Kimberly is the vice president of National Penn Bank in Warminster, Pa. The couple live in King of Prussia, Pa.

Lisa Barella '97 joined Coastal Carolina University as an assistant professor of exercise and sport science. She lives in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Born to Denise and Brian Bonder '97, a son, Braden George, Aug. 1. They live in Montgomery

Born to Jennifer and Bill Sordoni 97, a son, Samuel Edward, June 16. They live in Shavertown, Pa.

Born to Doug '97 and Kristin Gerber '97 Williams, a daughter, Page, June 17. They live in Westfield, N.J.

1999

Owen Alexander, May 11, He

99 Larsen, Tyler James, Dec. 29,

Laura is employed as the associate director of river restoration at American Rivers. She currently resides in Cinnaminson, N.L. with her fiancé, Mike Cloud 'o1.

Born to Denny 'or and Amy Hoffman 'oo Bowers, a son, Jackson Cole. Jack joins big sister Elle, who is 4 years old. They live in Watsontown, Pa.

Elizabeth Dollhopf-Brown '00 was elected to the board of directors of the Association of Professional Researchers for Advancement.

Born to Craig 'oo and Dana Makowski 'oo Wallis, a daughter, Alivia Mae, Dec. 17, 2009. Craig works as district sales manager for LaFrance Corporation. Dana earned her MBA from Rosemont College and works as a human resources manager for First Quality. They live in West Conshohocken, Pa.

warn to Lt. Cmdr. Thomas

Christina Guadalupe '02 Reedy received her master's degree in library science from the University of North Texas.

Amanda Tompkinson '03 Bernard presented a seminar at the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants 2010 Local Government Conference in Hershey, Pa. Her seminar focused on the use of data extraction and analysis software to improve audit effectiveness and efficiency.

Born to Michael and lennifer Miller '03 Deisher, a son, Tyler Michael, June 4, 2009. They live in Blandon, Pa.

Jessica Miller '03 was awarded her juris doctorate degree from the University of Baltimore School of Law in January. She completed law school while working full time as a contracts manager at Constellation Energy in Baltimore, Md. Jessica recently

Born to Matthew and Jenni Rowles '03 Rach, a daughter, Julianna Marie, May 15. Jenni is the assistant director for Greek life at Kutztown University, and Matt is a high school science teacher in the Allentown School District.

Born to Jennifer Heintzelman '04 and Jason '05 Eck, a son, Brady Jason, May 25. They live in Whippany, N.J.

Shawn Berkebile '05 was elected to serve as the Lower Susquehanna Synod representative to the Susquehanna University Board of Trustees.

Chris Hannas 'os is an inter-

the bride: Stephanie Ihnat 'os Speakman, matron of honor; and Adam Speakman '05. Abigail teaches music in the

Megan Janssen '06 was awarded

### 2007

Danny Arnold '07 married Sandy Taylor '08 on Aug. 14. They live in Bayonne, N.I.

Lauren Manley '07 was promoted to district sales supervisor for Hershey Foods. Lauren lives on Long Island, N.Y.

### 2010

Kelli Holota '10 was named to the Landmark Conference 2010 spring all-academic team, which honors the highest academic achievers among athletes of any sport in their conference.

David Kingsborough '10 will serve in Jerusalem and the West Bank with the Young Adults in Global Mission program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He hopes to work with children.

Blake Mosser '10 is the business manager for the Federal Team at Wienken and Associates in Harrisburg, Pa

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alumni.

Material received on campus by Feb. 1 will be included in the spring issue.

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## Alumni Achievement Award Marie Burns '92: Setting Her Sights on Teaching and Research

By Larry Gaffney



Marke Burns, professor of ophthalmology and director of the Center for Vosual Sciences at the University of Cillifornia, Davis, totals in the microscopic realm. Within the limited confines of a fitty mouses, eye, she it investigates how the retina abonds light and sends electrical impulses to the brain. Her typical wordspaces are the microscopic rods, specialized receptor cells at the back of the retina where biochem'rical reactions make sight possible.

For the last decade, Burns and her assistants have been trying to determine exactly how long a particula ar rayme remains active within a rod.
"We thought it was very long-lived," says Burns, adding that," long-lived in bits case means 200 milliseconds. This year they finally came up with the answer it is not 200, but 36 milliseconds.
Searching through diministrate domains might come naturally to a girl raised in the central Pennsylvania town of Petedville population 1849. A handful of

students occupied her high school science classes, and she was the only one in third-year chemistry. A natural affinity for the sciences led her to Susquehanna and a major in biochemistry.

In college she grew faschnated with the chemistry of cells and received encouragement from her academic advisor. Tom McGrath, to do internohips in different specialities of chemistry and bischemistry. After her junitor year, McGrath and biology professors Tom and Peggy Peeler hepseld her attain a summer internship at the Weis Center for Research at Geisinger Medical Center in Damille, Pa.\* After that summore; Suys Burns, "I was hooked, I knew I was always going to be in biomedical research."

When it was time for gnduter school, Burns conder Penn State College of Medicine at Hesberg and Duke University, where the Peelers also had earned their doctorate degrees. When her best friend and Signa Kappa sonotity sister Alaanna Prouty "94 learned that Burns had been accepted at Duke, she decorated the entire house in bule and white streamers, with Blue Devil Hoof prints leading from the friont walk all the way to her room. "She knew that Duke came with an escape velocity for me", says Burns, referending a physics term that describes the speed needed to break free from a gnavitational field. "She wanted not have a wider executive or to have a vider executive of the world."

After earning a doctorate in neurobiology from Duke, Burns was a postdoctoral fellow at Stanford University. As a professor at the University of California, Davis, she takes care to balance her research with teaching. "The research is important,"

she says, "but best of all is being able to share the beauty of biology with young people. And Just like my professors at SU, i push my students to do more, be more and grow larger than they might otherwise. It's my way of giving back."

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Lanv Gaffnev is a contributing writer from Williamsport, Pa.

#### **Alumni Achievement Award**

### Hugo "Hugh" Warns III '90: On the Cutting Edge of His Career

By Larry Gaffney



When Hugh Warms vidited Sucquehana University in his serior year of high school, he knew at nore that it was the college he wanted to attend. His sister was at Virginia Tech, and he had investigated school of a similar size. He liked SIJ small classes, manageable footily-on-student ratio and campus environment. But what really impressed him was discovering that the school was an early adopter of technology.

"This was 1986," he says, "and SU was way ahead of most larger universities from a techresource standpoint."

Being at the forefront of progress seemed important to Wanns then, and it has served him well in his climb to the position of senior vice president and director of equity research at Stifel Nicolaus. Warns is proud to point out that his firm was recently ranked No. 1 in the United States by the Wall Street Journal in its annual Best on the Street survey.

Managing more than 225 investment professionals in three countries keeps Warms busy. "On Wall Street there's a constant energy and sense of urgency," says Warms. "In such at time-sensitive business, identifying and analyzing information is imperative, and to do so, you have to cooperate with more than a few Twee A personalities."

How does he meet this challenge? "I try to keep a sense of humor," he says. "And I've tried to force myself to step back and see the big picture more often."

At Susquehanna, Warms set out to satisfy his interests in history and business. "My professors were great listeners," he says, "eager to provide feedback. They really focused on developing one's curiosity and stressed the lifelong process of learning. These are the cornerstones of what I do today."

As an undergraduate, Warns showed an early flair for being a self-stater. With the help of several friends, he worked with the administration to organize Susqueshannas first crew duch, and it made sense to Warns that international travel would be a fine learning tool for the aspring business professional. To this end, he set up his own semester-abmod group run.

"Novadays every school has travel programs," he has travel programs," he spin to those days, you ween on your own he spin, "but in those days, you ween on your own he spin day and the programs of the strength of Lancaster, in England's Lake District. The experience proved so valuable that today, when Warms Invited SU students to the offices of Stifel Nicolaus for day-in-the-life programs, he stresses the importance of international travel and studying abroad.

Warms is in a fast-paced business, but his life is not all hustle and busite. Married to his high school sweetheart, he enjoys traveling with his two boys, coaching baseball and spending time with extended family. And although he has a Wall Street job, he considers hinterel frortunate to work in his homestown of Ballimore.

But the challenges remain. "The recession, and the financial reform that followed, are causing tremendous upheaval on Wall Street," says Warns. "It's a competitive, rapidly changing world. You have to evolve, learn something new every day."

Always an avid reader, he now combines his thirst for knowledge with the same interest in technology that attracted him to 5U." If used to technology that attracted him to 5U." If used to carry a briefcase full of books, magazines and a laptop when traveling" he says, "but now it's all about the IPad."

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### Stephen Wallace '81: Taking a Stand for Youth

By Jennifer Botchie '99



Stephen Wallace '81 tells his dients: "Leaders lead. Period." But, for Wallace, these aren't just idle words; he leads by example. Since graduating from Susquehanna, Wallace has become a leader In the corporate world and public policy and service arenas.

After graduating in 1981, Wallace went to work for Bloomingdale's with his eyes on Madison Avenue. He then shifted his path, taking a job as a counselor for an adolescent psychiatric ward at Fair Oaks Hospital in Summit, N.J. This inspired him to enter a master's program in psychology at Bucknell University, during which he lived at Susquehanna and worked as an assistant to the director of residence life, in charge of the Project House System.

Master's degree in hand, Wallace then became a school counselor. It was during this time that he became involved with SADD, then known as Students Against Driving Drunk, He spent 18

months traveling the country and speaking to middle school and high school students, first as a national representative and then as the director of communications and public relations.

After a nine-year hiatus, Wallace returned to SADD as a board member and then as its chairman and CEO. In that role, he oversaw its evolution to a broader mission as Students Against Destructive Decisions. The organization now has more than 10,000 chapters and an estimated 350,000 active student members

Wallace has appeared on NBC's Today, MS-NBC, CNN, Fox News, E! Entertainment and XM radio, and in national and regional newspapers, including the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal and USA Today, He serves as a spokesperson for the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and the American Camp Association (through his affiliation with the Cape Cod Sea Camps). His experiences formed the basis for his first book, Reality Gap; Alcohol, Drugs, and Sex-What Parents Don't Know and Teens Aren't Tellina, published by Union Square Press/Sterling Publishing.

And that isn't even his day job. He is principal of the consulting firm Summit Communications Management Corp., with regional and national dients in telecommunications, energy and consumer products. That alone is more than enough to fill one's days, but Wallace draws energy from his work with youth.

"I am most proud of the enduring relationships I have established with the young people and families with whom I have worked in a variety of educational and therapeutic settings," he says, "They inspire me, motivate me and keep me sane In our hectic, fast-paced world."

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Jennifer Botchie '99 is an assistant director of advancement communications.

#### **Alumni Service Award**

### James Summers '64: Staying Busy Serving Others in Retirement

By Jennifer Botchie '99



Retirement is typically a time for relaxing—a time to play more golf, perhaps, or do some traveling. And, in fact, James Summers '64's loggling travel time, but it's less to exoti cloales and more to board meetings. After retiring from ARAMARK in 2004, he found himself drawn back into service, stitting on various boards.

"As I like to say, my biggest disappointment in retirement is that I'm busier than I want to be," says Summers. "I've been fortunate enough to be able to retire at the age of 60, and I've been able to develop so many skill sets in the various positions I've had, I felt I could be useful."

One area of service benefits Susquehanna directly: the time Summers has devoted as a member of the Board of Trustees and as chairman of the recently completed *Changing Lives, Building Futures* campaign.

Summers draws on his career experience in finance, which began at what today is Price-

WaterhouseGopers after graduating with a bachelor's degree in public accounting. Early in his nine-year tenure there, he became a certified public accountant. He later moved into the truding industry, serving as a vice president of finance with two companies, one of which was acquired by ARAMARK in 1979. Over the next two decades, he moved through the ranks of ARAMARK, retirings as the senior vice president of finance and administration of its largest operating group, food and support services.

It were during his later years an ARAMANK that he became involved with Susquehanna's Board of Trustees, first sitting on its Audit Committee. He and his wife, Barbara '65, were involved in the previous capital compaign as regional chairs. He also chaired the board's Development and Allumin Relations Committee leading up to the most recent campaign, and currently serves on the Executive and Tusteehol committees.

"I got involved with SU because this was ring way of giving back, being able to make a contribution to the school," says Summers." I felt the university was on the right track, doing the right things to be successful, and that was motivating for me."

Susquehanna is not the only place that benefits from Summers' distinct to serve. Since retiring, he has consulted with several intenational presidents at ARAMARK and is on the board of several inmovative, for-profit startup ventures. He is a past member of the board of directors of Dumwoody Village and chaired its finance committee, and immains on the board of Comerstone.

Christian Academy, heading its strategic planning committee. Before retirement, he also served on various civic and philanthropic boards.

But Summers says he doesn't regret stayling busy. It's just his nature." They trey inversed in the things I do. I'm eight years into retirement and probably haven't conducted myself the way most people would," he says. "For me, It's really just a way of using the skills I'we learned over my work history and getting satisfaction from making a contribution to something."

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### Service to Susquehanna Award Sam Clapper '68: Showing His Love for SU Through Service

By Bruce E. Beans



Sam Clapper's rationale for giving back to Susquehanna University is simple. "I think the kind of private liberal arts education Susquehanna offers is something distinctive," says Clapper '68, P '96, who served as alumni board president from 2001 to 2003 and as a member of Susquehanna's Board of Trustees from 1976 to 1982. "It was worthwhile for me, and I want to play a part in seeing that it is available to others as well."

A political science major originally from Windber, Pa., Clapper is a law partner at Barbera. Clapper, Beener, Rullo & Melvin LLP in Somerset. Pa. During college. Clapper was the editor and a columnist for The Crusader student newspaper. a member of the intercollegiate debating team, men's vice president of the student council, chair of the men's Judiciary board and a member of Pi Gamma Mu, the social sciences honor society. He was also involved with the student radio station, WQSU-FM, when it began.

"I enjoyed my time at Susquehanna, because I had an opportunity to do a lot of things with people of different interests," Clapper recalls. There were only about 1,000 students at the time, about half the current number. Interactions occurred from classrooms to the snack bar, where he and other students would encounter professors coming in for a cup of coffee. Students and professors from different disciplines routinely engaged in informal debate, with people taking positions in what he calls "an intellectual, academic sense, sometimes with political overtones."

"Whether it's law or another career, that kind of experience-dealing with a wide variety of situations and with people whose areas of knowledge are different from yours-helps advance your career," he says.

A 1971 graduate of the University of Chicago Law School, Clapper practices in the areas of education law, trusts and estates, general practice and municipal law. He has been actively involved in his Somerset County, Pa., community and the Lutheran church in a number of capacities. Eight years after he graduated from Susquehanna, his election as the then-central Pennsylvania synod representative on the university's Board of Trustees brought him back to more active Involvement with

He currently serves as class reporter for the Class of 1971 and is a judge for an annual appellate moot court competition named in honor of one of his professors, the late Gene Urev. He was on his 30th and 35th reunion committees and on the Parents Executive Committee from

1994 to 2000. During the 1990s, Clapper was a member of the university's National Committee on Annual Giving. The matriculation of his daughter. Lisa Clapper '96 McGuire, ultimately led to his presidency of the alumni association.

While he greatly appreciates his award, Clapper humbly asserts that his lifelong involvement with Susquehanna is not unique: "A lot of people from my class have been involved in Susquehanna since we graduated. It's not just me."

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### Recent Alumni Award

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### Jameson Troutman '02: Building Successful Outcomes and Giving Back



Ever since he graduated from Susquehanna University in 2002. Recent Alumni Award recipient Jameson Troutman has worked for JPMorgan Chase. Initially he was an analyst, then a senior account officer, for the JP Morgan Private Bank. which serves ultra-high-net-worth individuals. For the past two years, he has been a growth strategy manager involved in new product development and strategy for the firm's Chase Card Services division in Wilmington, Del.

"I was a business administration major with concentrations in both finance and marketing, and I like the fact that this role is a hybrid of the two concentrations," says Troutman. "It requires analytical skills to understand profit and loss and what drives the business, but you also need to know how to market the products, what consumers want in terms of reward programs, which involves a lot of consumer research."

Since March 2007, Troutman has served on the Sigmund Weis School of Business Advisory Council, which meets two to three times a year to advise Dean Alicia J. Jackson on the school's strategic direction. He was the youngest member to be nominated for the council and remains its youngest member. Each year he, along with fellow council member Larry Hutchinson '78, provides personal finance seminars to Susquehanna students. He also mentors current students through the Office of Alumni Relations' mentoring program and comes to the campus to recruit Susquehanna graduates for JPMorgan Chase, which has hired about 10 SU graduates in recent years.

Troutman grew up in Halifax, Pa., on the east side of the Susquehanna River, just south of Selinsgrove. He was attracted to Susquehanna because of its proximity to home, the business school's excellent reputation, the potential to get involved on campus and gain exposure to different opportunities, and the one-on-one attention from professors.

He played baseball for two years, participated in the business school's Semester in London program, and was a resident assistant and head resident. He served as a freshman adviser and on the dean's Student Advisory Council. He was a student representative and parliamentarian for the Student Government Association. He also managed Charlie's Coffeehouse and worked in the dining hall to help pay his living expenses.

"It was a very rich experience," he says. "I met my wife, Jennifer Engerer '02, there, and we look forward to showing our kids, Tyler, who is 5,

and Kaylee, who is 2 1/2, around the campus as they grow older, given that it has been such a big part of our lives."

As for the award, Troutman, who also volunteers with Big Roothers Big Sisters, says, "It's a great honor, but that's not why I do what I do. People helped me when I was on campus, and I feel like it's something I owe back to Susquehanna for everything they gave me."

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## **Snapshots**

- Several members of SU's Class of 1973 participated in the 10th Annual Stephanie Burks Beach Burn to Riffgarfina, MLJ, to raise money for the South Jessey Cancer Fund. Plotuned are, left to right, 80b and Libra Jones, Ange and Steve Marcinek, Rob and Nancy Search Phipos and John Gracey.
- 2. Priends wind timed at 401 Unthreading two durings that is enter year. In 1974 got together in Availon, IX.1, for a per-Memorial Day gathering in memory of their classmate and dear intend, behill before first. First passed away Jan. 1, 2009. Pictured are, left to right, Karen Newson Forcine, Dottle Varvaris Henry, Cyndy Smith Salvago, Debbie Quinn White, Vick Robins Seltzt, Tonna Wendt Dougan, Judy Yurner Donas and Carolliume Wells Kirch.
- 3. Christopher Kocher '95, president of Wildlands Conservancy, was selected as a recipient of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council's 40 Under 40 Awards. The award recognitizes the next, generation of conservation leaders. Kocher was honored at the equindit's 40th anniversery celebration at the CIVIC CUb of Hardsburg, Pa., th Spot. 22.

- 4. Enc Lassahn, director of lesiodines life and volunteer programs at Suspealanna University, and his wide, lemeller, secretify look a group of SSI Varieties to Northern lesions for now weeks. Concidentally, Maraba Lehman 7.4, of Knovolite, Term, also was notwithern lestond, working as part of a 12-person Habitat for Humaniny team. The groups serendiptiously met up when they both superior a fease in lementational hostic in leifests. Pictured are, left to right, back row. Jeffory Marzuek 12, Rachel Oromopole "Lik Kevin Zaldereit" 12, Kalle Collins 15, Enc Lossahn, Sand Gordon 112, Elic Wester, 12 and Agapha Bousson "113, front row. Jennifer Lassahn, Marsha Lehman 744 and Kisten Balley," 12
- 5. Tick alumni have been petting together regularly for more than 20 years. Every two to three months, cougles take turns hosting a dinner for the group in the greater Philadelphia area. Since Dave Ottey 179 and Anne Gucies: 73 Ottey moved to California last year, dinner disets are arranged when they wist the area, or they join in sometimes via Skype Pictured at this June 12 grathering are, left to right, Ray Kalustyan 748, Beyon Bucher 750, Dave and Anne Ottloy, Rick King 776, Jim Montgomeny 76, Jim Rogers 758, Standing-Eleen King, Anne Lumbach 760 Ducher, Karen Kalustyan and Nachh Passon 200 Rosson, Midder Stom Johnson Skeloth from Johnson Skeloth from Johnson Midder Stom Johnson.
- Members of the Sassaman family gather for Commencement 2010. Pictured are, left to dght: Jennifer Sampsell '86 Sassaman, Stacey Sassaman, Steve Sassaman Jr. '10 and Steve Sassaman Sr.
- 7. Members of the Class of 2007 gathered in the Poconos for a weekend of skiing and snowboarding. Precured are, left to right, top row: Mark Dascher '07, Chris Gehman '07. Donnie Halke '07, Ahmed Alkhateeb '07 and Mary Kate Wright' '07; bottom row: Brian Nalis' '07, Betsy Bunt, Sara Sciarello '07 and Lauren Manley '07.
- Membes of the Class of 1979 gathered on Sect. 4 at Lloyd Jones house in Letigib Velley, Pa, to delehate SU's opening football game against Moravian Colleg Pictimed are, let for right, back rows fill dand tubben "79, 860 Campball "79, Instry Jones, Anne Cascone and 86b Cascone '79; front row, Mary Wallers, Eric Walling, "79 and Lloyd Jones '79.

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## Wedding Album

1. Valarie Bastek '06 and Jared Berger '06 were married on May 22 at The Madison Hotel in Monfstown, N.J. Members of the wedding party included Jenna Wallace '06, Robert Fissell '07, Erika Klinger '06, Jacob Schwartz, Jeff Garafalo '06; middle row: Wallace, Haefelé, Stout, Jared and Valarie, Ross Boozer '06, Stephanie Berostresser '06 Boozer, Alaina Prall '07, Liz Remmel '06: front row: Sharon Hodge '06 Schmidt, Ann











## REGIONAL CHAPTER NEWS

Pittsburgh chapter leaders Valerie Bodam '02 Franks and Kevin Barley '97 network with Stephen Tentinger, a student in the Susquehanna University Symphonic Band. at the Susquehanna Music in Pittsburgh event last April.



#### **PITTSBURGH**



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On June 24, members of the Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter met at Bossa Nova in the heart of Pittsburgh's cultural district to socialize and discuss past chapter events and Ideas for future chapter activities. Ideas for future events include an event at the Rivers Casino, a return to the Hofbrauhaus Pittsburgh, cultural and sporting events, and a community service project.



#### **NEW JERSEY**

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The New Jersey Regional Alumni Chapter enjoyed a softball game gathering at MountainView Park in Middlesex, N.J., on July 15, followed by dinner at Ellery's Bar and Grill, also in Middlesex. Eleven New Jersey alumni representing classes from 1956 to 2006 enjoyed breaking bread and bonding over SU name and, of course, "that wonderful SU feeling,"





### PHILADELPHIA

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Fifteen members of the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter met in Camden, N.J. Acquisi To '06 and her Big Brothers/Big Sisters limb sister, Ava, showing off the great seats the group had.

director Jennifer Scullin '06 at PhillyAlumnl@susqu.edu.





### A NOTE FROM INGRID "COOKIE" DAVIDSEN

HELLO EVERYONEL

It's a pleasure to be writing to you as Susquehanna's newest assistant director of alumni relations. A member of the Class of 1969 and a bonafide baby

Alumni are currently being invited to participate in activities such as student mentoring and regional alumni chapters. The chapter officers are working



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theater in June, thanks to Sam Kuba '75, the executive director of Theatre Harrisburg, Alumni and quests saw Bye Bye Birdie and had a special opportunity to meet the cast following the show.

In what is becoming a new tradition, the chapter also held its second annual happy hour at Appalachian Brewing Co. in Harrisburg on Sept. 24. It was a



#### RECRUITING IN YOUR REGION

Help us recruit the Class of 2015. Please join us at one of our admitted student receptions in March and April. Meet prospective students and their parents, and introduce them to the Susquehanna alumni network and the valuable connections that are available to them. Events are anticipated in central New Jersey, Baltimore and Boston, Look for more information in the coming weeks, or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 570-372-4115 for more information.

## In Memoriam

#### Betty Gordon · 1937-2010



Betty Gordon, a former She worked as secretary to the science faculty for 25 years until her retirement in 1997.

She was born July 11. and graduated from Sumner Memorial High School in 1956. After attending Comptometer School in Portland.

she worked for New England Telephone and Telegraph in Portland and Bangor.

On Sept. 13, 1958, she married Gerald Gordon, and they subsequently had two children, Kimberly and Kenrick, In 1963, after Gerry had completed graduate school at the University of Maine at Orono, they moved to Selinsgrove. Gerry 35 years. They both retired from the university in 1997 and returned to their summer home on Flanders Bay in East Sullivan, Maine, a place dear to their hearts,

For the next 13 years, they traveled extensively, camping ous cruises. Betty was also a volunteer at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital for a number of years and served on the board of the Frenchmans' Bay Library.

In 1981, during Betty's tenure at Susquehanna University, she was awarded the Clerical-Secretarial Award in recogni-

#### Paul E. Klingensmith · 1935-2010



Paul E. Klingensmith, assistant professor emeritus of English who taught at Susquehanna University for 36 years, died on Sept. 20. He was born Dec. 22, 1935, in Philadelphia, and graduated from Episcopal Academy in Overbrook, where he played on the soccer and baseball teams. Klingensmith earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1957 from

Princeton University, where he served as associate editor of the Daily Princetonian. He received his master's degree in ate School of Arts and Sciences three years later.

Klingensmith was in the Pennsylvania National Guard from 1957 to 1963, retiring with the rank of sergeant. He was a member of the First City Troop, Philadelphia City Cavalry. He married the former Linda MacRoy on Aug. 22, 1959, in Fort Plain, N.Y. They subsequently had two daughters, Vanessa Io and Rachel, Rachel preceded her father in death,

Early in his career, from 1959 to 1961, he was chairman of the English department at the Episcopal Church Farm School in Exton, Pa. He then served as a teaching fellow in the English composition program at the University of Pennsylvania for four years prior to his appointment to the Susquehanna University faculty in 1965.

Klingensmith's contributions to Susquehanna were expressed most eloquently through the words of one of his students. Jay H. Feaster '84 posted these thoughts in 2007 to the university's Changing Lives, Building Futures campaign website:

"Professor Emeritus Paul Klingensmith was my freshman writing professor, and I found him to be everything one would want in such a teacher. He inspired, he pushed and probed, and yet he never lost his connection with the real world. Knowing that there was a time he could and did turn a mean double play as a baseball player made him all the more inspirational. I keep in touch with him and his lovely wife, Professor Linda Klingensmith, to this day and am enriched by my association with them through the years."

Janet Earhart '86 Harkins, June I., Wycolofi, N.J. Harkins had a lifelong devotion to church work and education. She was a teacher and teacher-libearian in the public achool systems of Harrisburg and Upper Dauphin County, Pa., and Franklin Lakes, N.J. She remained active into her 95s, teaching Sunday school for 77 years and tutoring for Project Literacy OF Bergen County, N.J. She was member and past president of the American Association of University Women-Northwest Earyen Branch and sa member of The Daughters of The American Resolution.

Robert Gabresny 40, May 28, Johnstown, Pa. Gabrenya served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was CEO of Slovenian Savings and Loan Bank. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, the Inter-Service Club Council of Greater Johnstown and the Conemaugh Yalley Lions Club, where he was a longtime frequency.

Monzos S. Myres '40, May 8, Northumberland, Pai Myres was a dentist in Northumberland für 42 years. Will attending Susquehamm University, he was on the, undefeated football team of 1940, coached by the renowned Amos Alonzo Stags Sr. He graduated from the University of Buffalo Dental School in 1947. He was a World War II veteran who served in the U.S. Air Force's 109th Field Artillery Medical Detachment from Jan. 13, 1941, to Sept. 23, 1944. He was a lifetime member of Christ Unived Methods its Church in Northumberland and received special recognition in 2009 for being an

June Hendricks '42 Hoke, July 26, Selinsgrove, Pa. Hoke was an admired and respected music teacher in the Selinsgrove Area School District for 37 years. She also directed the mixed chorus, boys' and girls' ensembles, state forensics team and many elementary school operetts.

#### Lois Kramer '44 Pritz, May 1, Mililani, Hawaii.

Joyce Belle '49 Port, Mount Union, Pa. Port served as a case worker for the Pennsylvania Department of Public Assistance. She was also a Scouting professional for the Hemlock Girl Scout Council. She served as a full-time kindergarten teacher and substitute teacher in the Mount Union Elementary School for several years.

Jane Price '50 Derr, July 27, 2009, Gainesville, Va.

Jack Thorp '80, July 14, Saltaire and Norwald, Conn. Thorp was a World War II veteran. He was a petty officer, first class, and served on destroyers for three years in both the Atlantic and Pacific betasers. He participated in the tinvasions of the Phillippines, Iwo Jima and Oklanawa. At Iwo Jiman, his ship, the U.S. Hyman, gave close-in fire support to the U.S. Marines as they ascended the peak of Mt. Surfackall: Thorp was one of the few who actually witnessed the famous raising of the Americian Base on Mt. Surfackal.

Thorp was an all-around athlete in both high school and college. He participated in basketball, football, baseball and track. He was the senior captain of Susquehanna's men basketball team during the 1949–1950 seasor

He was in advertising for more than 30 years, 25 of which he worked for Young & Rubicam, inc. in New York City, While at Young & Rubicam, he managed accounts for such major advertisers as Cluert Peabody (Agrow), Borden Co., 3M Co., National Dittillers, Dictaphone, Time Inc. and Manufacturers Hanover Trust. He also handled several pro-bono accounts for the U.S. government. He was active in Big Brothers of New York City in the 1950s and '60s and supervised its advertising and marketing programs on a volunteer basis for many years. He was a commercial real estate broker for several years in the 1980s and a driving instructor for more than 10 years with the Lewis School of Driving in New Canaan, Conn. For the past seven years, he served as dockmaster for the City of Norwalk at the

In addition to working through his retirement years, he traveled extensively in Great Britain, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, western and eastern Europe, Scandinavia, Italy, Turkey, Greece, Brazil, Peru, Columbia, Egypt, Morocco, China, Russia and India, He was a member of the Catholic War Veterans of Sayre, Pa., the American Legion of Athens, Pa., the Iwo Jima Survivors Association of Connecticul and the New Canaan YMCA. He is survived by his wrife, Gabrielle Seyere' 49 Those.

John Gass '54, July 9, Strasburg, Pa. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Gass worked as an insurance claims adjuster for the former Educators Mutual Insurance Co. He was a member of B.P.O. Elliss Lodge #134 and Lambert Lodge #176 F.B. A.M., Lancaster, Pa.; Harrisburg Consistory A. A.S.R.; and the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. He was an avid Penn State and Phillies fan.

Mary Souden '58, Feb. 19, Lancaster, Pa.

James Stone '59, June 30, Oreland, Pa. He was employed as a business administrator for Somerset County Library for more than 25 years. He retired in 2000,

David Joel Bean '64, March 9. He served in the U. S. Air Force for 20 years and was passionate about world affairs.

Alice Moore '70 Jaggard, Dec. 12, 2009.

Benjamin R. Good IV '70, May 6, Las Vegas. Good entered the U.S. Army after graduation and made his career there. After retiring, he moved to Las Vegas. He enjoyed golfing and nature walks.

Howard Hankin '72, March 2.2, San Francisco. Hankin studied martial art's with Grandmaster Rick Alemany, earning a black belt in 1996. He has received additional martial arts instruction from Grandmaster Emesto Pressa, Master Frank Ricardo and Professor Don Jordan. He was devoted to helping people be their best through the martial arts. He volunteered his time several days a week to teach group classes, private lessons and workshops, and to conduct belt tests at One Martial Arts in San Francisch.

Bradford Green '79, Aug. 8, South Plainfield. N.J. He was a taper/spackler for Union Local 1976, which later became Local 711, Springfield. He is survived by his wife, Ellzabeth Niedner '79 Green.

Suzanne Hendricks '84 Metwell, Aug. 8, Lewisburg, Pa. She earned a master's degree in social work from Marywood College in 1990. She was a homemaker and a social worker.

## **End Notes**

### Getting Outside Myself to Help the Thai People

By Bruce Syare '71

Those of us in higher education have a tendency to develop tunnel vision and become overly focused on our professional careers as scientists. When world problems remote from our homes become the lead story in news reports, we often pay attention only briefly and then quickly return to the job at hand.

This pattern characterized my own day-to-day academic life as a behavioral neuroscientist at the State University of New York at Albany until 2004, when a tsunami struck Phuket. Thailand. Overwhelmed by the physical and emotional devastation, Thailand's compassionate but largely untrained mental health professionals were often helpless in assisting survivors who were psychologically damaged by the disaster. Thanks to the benevolence of the United States and many other countries, trained psychologists descended on the country to provide needed assistance and comfort.

After making some inquiries, I learned that the field of psychology was in its infancy in Thailand, that most universities in this beautiful country had little in the way of a formal psychology curriculum, and that the profession of clinical psychology and the role that it plays in the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness was almost nonexistent. As a result. Thailand's mental health care system is burdened with increasing numbers of mentally ill patients receiving little in the way of professional care or, worse yet, no care at all. As I pondered all of this. I felt a calling to "get outside myself" and give something back to my profession.

I was named a Fulbright senior scholar to Thailand in 2006. The mission for my yearlong assignment was simple: Promote the development of psychology in the Thai higher education system by bringing my specialization to the country. To that end, I taught behavioral neuroscience and assisted with curriculum development at Chulalongkorn. University in Bangkok, and lectured widely in the country at other universities and medical schools

The study of behavioral neuroscience is critical for understanding the biological basis of both normal and disordered behavior. It is particularly important for diagnosing and treating those who may be suffering from various forms of mental illness, especially anxiety disorders such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD): addiction-based disorders; and childhood



disorders such as autism, attention deficit disorders (ADD) and Asperger's syndrome. My ultimate hope is that my Fulbright work will have a positive impact on the growth of psychology in Thailand, the future training of Thai clinical psychologists and the continued development of their mental health care system.

My love for Thai people and their rich cultural heritage continues to grow with each return visit that I make. As a result, I have sought new ways of contributing to their higher education system. I return yearly to teach intensive shortterm courses at various Thai universities and medical schools. and continue to promote the exchange of Thai students to the United States for doctoral training in behavioral neuroscience. I have also spearheaded fund-raising efforts in the United States to enable more Fulbright scholars to come to Thailand to teach and conduct research.

I recently attended the 60th anniversary celebration of the Fulbright Program in Thailand. It was held at the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bangkok. As a senior scholar



Bruce Svare, former Fulbright senior scholar to Thailand, is recognized for his fund-raising efforts on behalf of the Thai-U.S. Educational Foundation (TUSEF), Pictured are, left to right. Svare; Deputy U.S. Secretary of State Alina Romanowski: His Eminence Manasnas Xuto, former Thal ambassador to the United States and adviser to the Thai minister of foreign affairs; and U.S. Ambassador to Thalland Eric John.

to Thailand, I was one of only a few former Fulbrighters given the honor of describing my mission to Her Royal Highness Princess Sirindhorn, Held in accordance with the pomp and circumstance of a royal Thai event, our conversation was cordial and productive. I came away from our discussion knowing that the princess understood my work and appreciated my efforts on behalf of her country.

During the event, I was also given an award by the Thai-U.S. Educational Foundation (TUSEF) and U.S. Ambassador to Thailand Eric John in recognition of my fund-raising efforts on behalf of the Pulbright Program in Thailand, I am grateful for this distinction, for it has motivated me to work even harder for the country that has become my second home.

When I graduated from Susquehanna University in 1971, I never anticipated that I would someday be an academic activist helping a foreign country improve its psychology curriculum. My experiences as a Fulbright scholar in Thailand have given me an opportunity to learn about another culture and to help

others who are less fortunate than I. Most importantly, these experiences have enabled me to grow as a person and stretch myself beyond my own comfortable surroundings.

I am forever grateful to Jim Misanin, the late Ged Schweikert and Z. Michael Nagy, dedicated Susquehanna University professors who taught me the principles of psychology and encouraged me to seek additional training in behavioral neuroscience. Their knowledge of the field and their words of wisdom guided me all the way through graduate school, postdoctoral training, and my career as a professor of psychology and neuroscience. Part of what they taught me lives on in a distant country, where the next generation of Thai students is learning about the exciting science of psychology and how it can help to improve the lives of those suffering from mental illness. -

Bruce Svare, Ph.D., is a professor of psychology and neuroscience



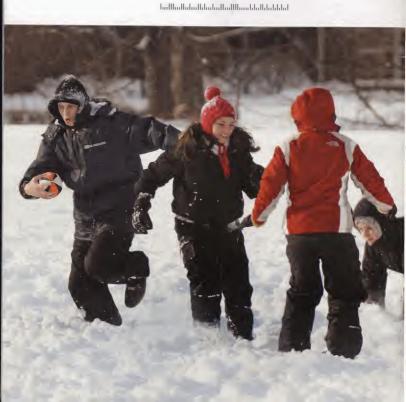
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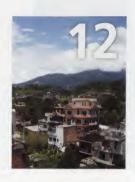
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## The First Word

By L. Jay Lemons, President



"The two great points to be gained in intellectual culture are the discipline and the furniture of the mind; expanding its powers, and storing it with knowledge."

-The Yale Report of 1828

This statement, taken from one of the most influential documents in the history of American higher education, sums up the importance of a liberal arts education. For at its core, a liberal arts education provides for students both the habits of head and heart to master a particular field of study and equips them with the capacity to draw upon the knowledge of many disciplines. We expect students to build upon foundational knowledge from many fields as they then seek to understand, intervene and address important questions in their lives and careers. It begins with learning to read well and deep, to think critically, to listen to the views of others, to evaluate and synthesize evidence, to develop arguments and to speak persuasively.

Although it was written nearly 200 years ago and in response to critics of the institution's educational approach, The Yale Report remains a relevant framework for the liberal arts today. Rooted in the belief that education must

"throw the student upon the resources of his own mind," the report emphasizes the importance of maintaining "such a proportion between the different branches of literature and science, as form in the student a proper balance of character". Liberal arts institutions continue this practice today. The learning goals of Susquehanna's redesigned Central Curricutions adopted in 9009, are a case in opicit.

The learning goals articulate a vision of Susquehanna University students as confident, ilberally educated persons who are committed to the ongoing processes of cross- and multi-disciplinary education, who are capable of thinking not only in terms of their major area, but from the perspectives of other disciplines as well, and who bring together all facets of their educational experience in order to frame a way of thinking about their vocations, their major area of study, and their lives as a means to achievement, leadering and area of study, and their lives as a means to

In 2006, campus consensus on the learning goals provided the springboard for faculty collaboration on a set of new general education requirements. The result was a new comprehensive Central Curriculum which retains the key elements of a traditional liberal rate ductation by exposing students to a wide range of courses that emphasize intellectual discipline and critical thinking skills, while also providing students with opportunities for real-world application of the principles and practices they learn in class.

The new curriculum requires that students become agile in writing, speaking and working in teams, while at the same time acquiring analytical proficiency. They develop an understanding of and appreciation for ethics and diversity, and gain cross-cultural competence through the university's innovative Global Opportunities (GO) program-a study-away experience of two weeks or longer in a culture different from their own. The GO travel experience is coupled with coursework designed to help students reflect on their experiences to determine how they were changed by them. Internships, facultystudent research and senior capstone projects offer students opportunities to gain practical experience.

The faculty and administration were confident that we were on the right track with the Central Curriculum, but in January 2010. months after the curriculum had been adopted, the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU) released a report that affirmed our convictions even more. The report, titled "Raising the Bar: Employers' Views on College Learning in the Wake of the Economic Downturn," is based on interviews with 302 employers between Oct. 27 and Nov. 17, 2009. The research found that employers endorse higher education that blends liberal and applied learning, and noted they are looking for employees who can apply a broader set of skills and higher levels of knowledge to their work.

More specifically, 89 percent of the employers count effective oral and written communication skills among the attributes they are looking for in employees. Eighty-one percent have high regard for critical-thinking and analytical-reasoning skills; 79 percent look for employees who possess the ability to apply knowledge and skills to real-world settings; and 75 percent value strong ethical standards and the ability to analyze and solve complex problems. Seventy-one percent are interested in hiring employees who possess teamwork skills and the ability to collaborate within diverse groups, and 67 percent want employees who can understand the global context of situations and decisions.

When I compare these expectations to the goals of the Central Curriculum, I am confident Susquehanna is providing students with the educational experiences they need to succeed after graduation. And as our graduates enjoy greater success, Susquehanna's reputation grows, attracting more, high-performing students to our campus and creating even more and richer opportunities for future generations of Students.

Sometimes, the best ideas are those that are olded time-tested but re-evaluated in terms of their implications for another time and place. Susquehanna's new Central Curriculum is a great tribute to the vision of our faculty for the educational benefits that come from providing our students the discipline and furniture of the mind in the 21st century.



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# NAVIGATING AUTISM A FAMILY FINDS ITS FORTUNE

IN HELPING OTHERS By Victoria Kidd Photos by Dustin Fenstermacher



RN-YEAR-OLD MITCHELL CARE bounds in the door of his parents' office. "Hi, "Basys, greeting people in the reception area." Is my dad here?" he asks, running up the stairs without waiting for an answer. His footsteps echo down the upstairs hallway leading to his father's office. "Hi, Dad," he saws excitedly.

"Hi, Dad," he says excitedly.

"Hey, son," Greg Carr '83 greets him with equal enthusiasm.

"How was school?"

Mitchell answers with an elaborate report about his day. The slender, blond-haired, blue-eyed boy, sporting a gray newsboy hat with ear flaps, is like any other child his age. He has lots of friends, enjoys school—most of the time—plays soccer and basketball, and takes piano and karate lessons. Playful and energetic, he seems ready to take on the world. There's just one difference: Mitchell is autistic.

AUTISM CHANGES EVERY family it touches, but few are transformed as completely as the Carrs. Their journey with autism led them to establish The Uncommon Thread, a nonprofit early-intervention resource center for children with autism and related disorders. At their center in Stirling, NJ., the Carrs have created an individualized educational environment where early intervention becomes a comprehensive strategy between parents, specialists, therapists and educators to combat the debilitating effects of disorders such as autism. Teaching a child with autism "requires such as autism. Teaching a child with autism "requires such a colossal effort from so many people," says Greg's wife, Aileen. It was a lesson learned through personal experience.

Greg, a marketing major while at SU, was a successful entrepreneur in the technology expense management industry when Mitchell was born. He had built his company, Teledata Control Inc., from a start-up with one employee to an enterpise that was managing 270 employees and 227 million a year in revenues. Aileen, who also studied marketing in college, was busy caring for Mitchell and his older sister, Caroline, now 12. Life was good for the Carrs. They were living the proverbial American dream. But that dream was shattered when Mitchell began exhibiting attypical behavior.

The Carrs noticed that he wasn't developing verbal skills. He wouldn't make eye contact with people or let anyone hug him. He developed repetitive behavior patterns and threw tantrums that would last most of the day. At first, Greg was reluctant to admit there was a problem. But by the time their youngest child, Patricia, now 8, was born, it was apparent something was wrong.

"He was pretty bad," Aileen says. "We had one neurologist tell us he was one of the worst cases he'd ever seen."

Unwilling to accept defeat, Greg and Aileen took Mitchell to several other neurologists for answers. He was 26 months old when they got his diagnosis and the medical advice that came with it: They could have the greatest impact on their son's development between the ages of 2 and 4. "All we could think was, "We lost the first two months," Aileen says. But those lost months only fueled their determination more. As Aileen puts it, "We got a real quick education in autism."

The couple promptly began providing Mitchell with intensive therapy. But because there was no comprehensive center where he could receive all the services he needed, Aileen had to take Mitchell to various therapists and educators every day. We were going from seven in the morning until seven at night for two years," she recalls. Their rigorous schedule was made even more grueling by the fact that, like many children with autism, Mitchell required little sleep, leaving Aileen to navigate many of those hectic days on only a few hours of rest.

Although he, too, faced the stress and fatigue that come with carring for a child with autism, Greg is quick to credit Alleen with Mitchell's success. "The most important thing was a mother that refused to let her son be left behind," he says.

Mitchell received everything from speech therapy to horse therapy. Ultimately, the Carrs discovered applied behavior analysis (ABA), a scientific approach to understanding behavior, first described by B.F. Skinner in the 1930s. It provides techniques for increasing positive behaviors and decreasing negative behaviors that interfere with learning. Before Mitchell reached his third birthday, the Carrs had hired home therapists Megan Dikranian and Melanie White to implement an ABA-based program designed by the Lovasa Institute, established in honor of psychologist O. Ivar Lovasa, a pioneer in the research and treatment of autism. The ABA method proved so helpful to Mitchell that the Carrs now use it as the basis for their work with other children.

When Mitchell turned 3, Greg and Aileen enrolled him in a public preschool program. But within 18 months, it became apparent that the school could not support his needs. They placed him in a private school, where they not only paid for tuition but also the salary of a specialized teacher, and continued to supplement his early education with ABA-based home therapy.



(above) Signs of common children with uncommon learning needs (right) Greg Carr, his wife, Aileen, and children, left to right, Mitchell, Patricia and Caroline outside The Uncommon Thread, the early-intervention center they established in Stirling, N.J.

Mitchell's steady advancement using ABA methods was eventually rewarded with independence and mainstreaming in a local Catholic school. He went from needing a full-time teacher devoted to helping him, to a part-time teacher and ultimately, a before-school primer that prepared him for each day's learning experience.

Today, Mitchell is an independent learner, exhibiting few outward signs of autism. In fact, at age 8, his doctor lifted his diagnosis, as he no longer met the criteria for autism. Aileen says she still notices minor differences in his behavior, but a stranger would be hard-pressed to identify him as a child with autism. It takes steady conversation and a close study of his face to uncover even the most remote symptoms. "He's definitely our miracle," Greg says."

THE CARRS ARE acutely aware of how lucky they were to be in a position to give Mitchell the best practices in early intervention,

and they realize that other families are not so fortunate. "Very few people could afford what we did and be blessed to have good teachers and therapists directing them to treatment that has sound research behind it," Aileen says.

A deep-seated understanding of their good fortune, coupled with Aileen's determination to help other families, was the impetus for The Uncommon Thread. "It was our debt to pay," says Aileen, And by 2006, the Carrs were ready to start their repayment program.

Mitchell was progressing wonderfully, and he and his sisters were all in school. Two years earlier, Greg had merged his company with Broadmargin to form Control Point Solutions, a firm employing 400 people and managing more than \$7 billion in telecom expenses. After managing the merger and creation of Control Point, Greg was ready to divest from the company and focus his attention on his wife's 4ream

"I shifted my passions from technology to autism," Greg says. And with that shift

came the creation of The Uncommon Thread. The center's name derives from the concept that typical children learn from a common

thread. However, teachers must find a different path for children on the autism spectrum, as they learn differently and often in the smallest of increments. These children have difficulty understanding inferences and must learn at the most basic levels. However, they can learn and Mitchell is living proof. 'For instance, if you tell

a typical child to paint their neighbor, they aren't going to literally paint their neighbor. They're going to paint a picture of their neighbor, "says Aileen. "But with autism, we have to find the uncommon thread for kids to learn. It's not that they can't learn. They just have to learn in a different way."

That different way of learning is what The Uncommon Thread brings to its clients. The center offers children, 15 months to 7 years old, behavior analytic services in an individualized educational setting designed to address each child's specific needs. As Emily Bellowin-O'Neill, a board-certified behavior analyst and the center's





program director, explains it, each child has an individualized curriculum that is constantly modified to fit the child's needs, advancement and learning preference. For instance, she assp., "You might have two kids learning colors. One might use picture cards while the other uses objects."

Education at the center begins with the basics—sitting still in a chair, post training and independent feeding—then advances to more complex skills, from mastering colors, the alphabet and numbers to developing fine and gross motor skills, and identifying emotions and concepts that go together As their intensive one-to-one training progresses, children are slowly incorporated into a small-group classroom setting where they can hone their social skills—a key area of development for most children with autism and related disorders.

True to the Carra' vision of developing comprehensive colucational strategies that bring together all the educators in a child's life. The Uncommon Thread provides hands-on ABA training and support programming to parents; home and community-based ABA therapy; and manistreaming shadow services that provide children with a "shadow" educator who helps them successfully transition from the program's intensive one-to-one learning environment to mainstream educational environments. The center also provides functional behavior assessment and referral services that put families in touch with professionals such as neurologists, physical therapists, speech pathologists, and reading and language specialists.

But The Uncommon Thread is about more than the clinical work of treating children with autism. It's about celebrating the small successes that represent big victories for their clients. A prime example is 28-month-old Mattie. When Mattie came to the center last fall, he couldn't sit still or feed himself. He wouldn't touch or hug his mother. But by early January just



Gregs sister. Suzantie Carr 84, and her daughter, Carrin Hintowork alongside him and Aileen at The Uncommon Thread.

four months into his therapy, he was doing all of these things and more.

The center was abuzz with news of Mattie's progress the day after his mother sent a picture of him drinking from a cup for the first time to each staff member's cell phone. That afternoon, he made therapist Rachel Lopez's day by running to her with a broad smile and outstretched arms. Mattie had learned to hug.

THE CARRS KNOW how important little things, like a hug, are to the families they serve. They're still amazed each time Mitchell tells a joke or does something really typical of most kids his age. And although Greg jokes that they "went from making money to losing money," the couple wouldn't trade what they've gained from their journey with autism.

"It changed our lives for the better," Aileen says. "It opens your eyes to never taking your kids for granted and always cherishing the time you have with them."

A case in point: Mitchell's after-school visit to the center. Gathered in the reception area, Greg and Aileen soak up the friendly banter between Mitchell and Patricia about who's the better piano player.

"I can play the theme song from *Titanic*," Patricia says.

"So?" Mitchell says, nudging his little sister with his shoulder.
"I memorized *The Entertainer*."

And in typical 10-year-old-boy fashion, he's quick to acknowledge that his older sister can be a little bossy. Like most eldest siblings, Caroline, the gentle bookworm of the family,



feels responsible for her little brother and sister. So when Mitchell does something that he shouldn't, she tells him he should stop it.

"I hate when that happens," Mitchell says with a deadpan face, sparking laughter from his parents and sisters.

This homey at mosphere is a trademark of The Uncommon Thread. In fact, the center is a true family affair. Greg acts as a chief executive officer of sorts, although working in an office full of women usually means he's the one delegated to make the afternoon coffee rut to Dunkin' Donuts. Beyond picking up coffee, his self-imposed duties include presenting seminars about autism and ABA therapy to doctors, and creating a business plan for special education technology, training and oversight at a lower cost than school districts currently pay.

Phil Carr-Jones, his brother-in-law, volunteers his time to write grants and undertake other fundraising efforts, and is always ready to fix whatever is in disrepair. Aileen's sister, Mary Beth Dougherty, volunteered to create the center's website, and has since taken on the lifetime task of updating and maintaining its marketing materials.

Aileen, who holds a graduate certificate in applied behavior analysis from Penn State University, serves as a board-certified assistant behavior analyst at the center. She's also created the center's newest program, Project Readiness, which incorporates personalized program requirements and technology with a special emphasis on building social skills and preschool preparedness.

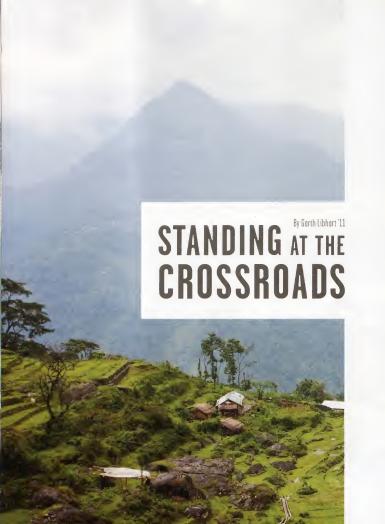
Greg's sister, Suzanne Carr'84. and her daughter. Caitlin Hinton '10, work at the center as well—Suzanne as office manager and accountant, and Caitlin as an aide. Caitlin, who studied elementary education at Susquehanna, decided to pursue a career in special education after spending her summers working at the center. "She always knew she wanted to work with young children," says Suzanne, "but after working with the kids at the center, she decided to focus on special education."

As for her role, Suzanne, who's worked with Greg for 16 years in different capacities, says she "sort of fell into ir" after a business venture she was working on didn't take off. And although her white silk shirt and black high heels look a little out of place when she's leading a child through the center with a diaper in hand, Suzanne is grateful for the opportunity to work in such an inspiring environment.

"I'm an analytical person," Suzanne says, "but to see these kids and how excited their parents get over the smallest thing is very rewarding. You don't get that in the corporate world."

She also wouldn't get the opportunity to watch her young nieces help out around the center or have the Carrs' cockapoo, Acorn, who serves as the center's honorary therapy dog, come bounding into her office for a pat on the head. And she wouldn't be able to admire Mitchell doing what he does best: providing hope and inspiration to other families navigating autism. —

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The minarets of Istanbul, jutting above the houses, businesses and ancient streets of the city, were the first things I noticed when I arrived in Turkey last year. Rich sights and sounds flooded my senses as my taxi crossed an enormous bridge over the Bosporus Strait, the body of water that splits Istanbul in half and divides Europe from Asia: seagulls flitting above the rippling water; the resonant sounds of Middle Eastern musíc playing on the radio; hordes of traffic passing by; the meandering, Byzantine streets ahead.

DURING THE 2010 SPRING SEMESTER AND SUMMER BREAK, GARTH LIBHART,
A SENIOR ENGLISH MAJOR FROM MARIETTA, PA., TRAVELED TO TURKEY AND
NEPAL. THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE IS AN ACCOUNT OF HIS JOURNEY AND THE
CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCES HE HAD ALONG THE WAY

Later in the year, I found myself in Nepal, surrounded by a comparable overload of the senses. During the taxt ride from the Kahmandu Airport to our hotel, my eyes were fixated on the bustling, monacondrenched streets outside my window. Motorcycles, driven by young riders in long black ponchos, weaved in and out of traffic. Three-wheeled cars called tuke tuke were everywhere. People drive on the opposite side of the road, like drivers in the United Kingdom, except these roads have no street markings and drivers don't use turn signals. They simply honk their horns whenever they intend to turn.

S THE CAPITAL of a developing country, Kathmandu contains an interesting blend of the rural and urban. People, automobiles, buildings, farm animals and dirt roads are thrown together in the same space. More than once during that first taxi ride, we passed by cows sleeping in the middle of the chaotic streets, safe from harm due to their revered status in Hinduism. Istanbul, as the "bridge between East and West," gave me the experience of living at a crossroads, and my visit to Nepal would allow me to go even further.



Garth Libhart and his traveling companions visit with residents of the Shangri-La Children's Home in Kathmandu. Susquehannans pictured in the photo are, left to right, back row: Blake Mosser, Rachana Sachdey, Libhart and Christina Harrington.

I HAVE WANTED TO TRAVEL my whole life to see new parts of the world, meet interesting people, taste new foods and speak different languages. I believed, almost dognatically, in the importance of being forced to function in a culture apart from my own. And yet a year and a half ago, I had never been outside of the United States. That all changed in 2010 when I decided to study for a semester in Istanbul and then, a few months later, to travel to Nepal with Associate Professor of English Rachana Sachdev and three other students for a research trip funded by a grant from the ASIANetwork Freeman Foundation.

My fascination with Turkey, specifically Istanbul, began in the summer of 2009 when I read Elizabeth Kostova's debut novel, The Historian, in which one of the characters finds himself on an unexpected visit to this enchanting city. Intrigued by the book's descriptions, I started reading everything about Istanbul I could findtravel guides, history books and the memoir of Turkish writer Orhan Pamuk. I also began talking to people who had visited the city, and I was encouraged by the good things I heard. Soon enough, I had developed an almost

magnetic attraction to the place. My mind was set: I would live and study in Istanbul. A few months later I was at Istanbul's Koc University, studying Turkish literature and culture

THE FIRST THING that struck me about Turkey was the warmth of its people. It seemed that, wherever I went in Istanbul, people would enthusiastically introduce themselves and offer to help me. After frequenting a particular café near my university for a few weeks, the owner, a kind and hospitable middle-aged woman named Vildan. began to refer to herself as my "Turkish mother." She would invite me to her house for dinner with her son. practice her English on me and tell me about interesting places to visit in the city. One day, I wanted to buy some Turkish delight, or lokum, a sugary confection eaten with tea. I asked Vildan where I should buy it. Instead of telling me, she left her work at the café and rushed out into the streets. "Where are you going?" I shouted from the café, "To get you Turkish delight," she yelled back, She returned 20 minutes later with samples from five different pastry shops. "Well, which one do you like the best?" Vildan asked.

"I think this one, with the almonds in it" "OK. Let's go buy a box!" The next thing I knew, Vildan was guiding me through the streets to the pastry shop where she found the Turkish delight I preferred. The shop was at the back of a cobblestone alleyway, with hundreds of sweet pastries and confections glistening in its front window. As soon as we entered, Vildan started a rapid exchange in Turkish with the shopkeeper as he measured out my order of lokum on a brass scale. The two were speaking too quickly for me to understand them, but afterward I discovered that Vildan had bargained down the price of the Turkish delight to nearly half its original cost.

This accommodation was a sign that my status as a U.S. citizen was likely helping rather than harming the Turks' opinion of me. Having been warned repeatedly about the poor reception Americans presently receive when traveling abroad, I had anticipated locals would disapprove of, if not disdain, my nationality. Imagine my surprise when Turks embraced me as an American, eager to practice their English and endlessly trying to impress me with their knowledge of American sports and popular culture. On one of my first nights in the city, I was wandering around the bustling Taksim District with some friends from the university. We were exploring the shops and getting a feel for Istanbul's labyrinthine streets when some Turkish students approached us and asked where we were from. "The United States," I said for the group.

One of the Turkish students, Yasin, seemed ready to burst with enthusiasm: "America! I love America! Do you follow the Boston Celtics? They're my favorite team!"

"Uh, no, sorry, I don't really follow football," I replied. "Do you like Britney Spears? What about Justin Timberlake?"

"Ah, no, not really. Sorry."

The questions continued for several minutes, and by the end of the conversation I had concluded that the average college-aged Turk probably knows more about American pop culture than I do!

STEEPED IN RICH CULTURE and history, Istanbul was the perfect place to explore my intellectual interests. After all, Istanbul owns thousands of years of history and has played an important role in two major empires.

Formerly called Constantinople and Byzantium, Istanbul has been the capital of both the Roman and Ottoman empires. It is considered the bridge between Europe and Asia, and was called the capital of the world by Napoleon. Similarly, the French writer Alphonse de Lamartine claimed that "if one has but a single glance to give the world, one should gaze on Istanbul.'

The inspiration for these kinds of statements became strikingly clear when I wandered around the city's Old District, Sultanahmet. As I meandered through the bazaars, mosques and alleyways, the history and diversity of the place hit me. The Hagia Sophia, Istanbul's most famous structure and a palimpsest of history, religion and art, literally knocked the wind out of me the first time I saw it. An enormous sixth-century building with an expansive dome and four towering minarets, the Hagia Sophia was originally a cathedral, then a mosque, and is now a museum. Inside is a mélange of cultural treasures, from a Byzantine fresco of Jesus to a passage from the Koran written in Arabic calligraphy.

Down the street from the Hagia Sophia is Topkapı Palace, the centuries-old headquarters of the Ottoman Empire. On the palace grounds is a building called the Hall of Holy Relics, which purportedly contains King David's sword. Moses' staff and the sandals of Mohammed. Exploring Sultanahmet was tantamount to having 2,000 years of world history at my fingertips.

As a French minor, I was also quick to notice the French influence on Istanbul's culture and language. Many French words have been adopted into Turkish. For instance, it's common to see pâtisseries throughout the city and hear the words pardon and merci when walking around the bustling streets.

I discovered the reverse phenomenon when I visited Paris during my spring break. Throughout Paris, I saw reminders of Turkey: vendors selling Turkish döner kebab; whole galleries of French art portraying Turkey in the Musée d'Orsay; boutiques selling hookahs, lokum and backgammon sets. I later learned that these cultural influences were spurred by an intense mutual interest between the two countries during the 19th century. Dozens of French writers, including Flaubert, de Nerval and de Lamartine, took months-long voyages to Istanbul and wrote about their adventures extensively. Conversely, the Ottoman court sent scores of painters to Paris for formal art training, in an effort to westernize Turkey's image. This was part of a larger, westernizing movement in Turkey that has been underway for about 150 years, and is part of the reason I was so welcomed as an American.

THE SMELL OF CARDAMOM and sage wafting through the paths of the Spice Bazaar; the grandiose calls to prayer reverberating off the rooftops; the wonder of walking amid ancient architecture; the kindness of a stranger's smile: These are the experiences I savor most about Istanbul. The feel of Kathmandu was much different but just as stimulating. There, women dressed in brightly colored clothes weave garments in wooden carts by candlelight and cook vegetables over coal fires. The smell of incense, burnt as offerings to the Hindu gods, permeates the air of the brick-paved streets, alive with music resonating from the wood-carved houses and bouncing off the temples. Everywhere I went, people pressed their hands together and raised them to their head, saying "Namaste"—literally translated, "I salute the godly in you," or more colloquially, "Hello." Offerings of rice lay next to



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burning incense at every temple. When Hindus make an offering, they ring a bell, creating a constant tintinnabulation that pervades every inch of the city. Bright flowers and statues of Shiva, Krishna, Galuda and Ram line the temples and streets.



Garth Libhart with a child from the Shangri-La Children's Home in Katmandu

One morning while I was drinking a cup of chait tea on the roof of our hotel, I noticed a towering temple across the street. With its wooden roof and carvings of animals and delties surrounding it, the temple cut a remarkable image against the rainy morning skies. Gesturing to a waiter, I inquired about the temple. "It's Nyataponla Temple," he replied, "the tallest temple in all of Nepal."

If Nyataponda Temple was impressive, the Buddhist stup at Swayambhunath was awe-inspiring. Set atop a steep hill overlooking Kathmandu, the dome-shaped shrine is nicknamed the "monkey temple" because hundreds of monkeys inhabit the grounds surrounding it. As I climbed the daunting stone steps to reach the site, dozens of monkeys eerily peered at me with fixed attention, while brightly colored prayer flags, strung from trees, lapped in the wind. The labors of the hike were rewarded well, however. Upon reaching the soaring stupa, I found monks in maroon robes devotedly spinning prayer wheels as the steady chant of a mantra pulsated through the stupa like a hearrbeat.

Aside from these cultural experiences, Nepal offers some of the most beautiful natural sights 1 have ever seen. One day the other students and I climbed one of the giant hills surrounding the verdant and lush Kathmandu Valley. Rice patties, shepherds and small villages marked our ascent. At the top, a spectacular view of the city, which up close was busling, frenetic and crowded,

seemed tranquil from such a height. Later we flew to Lumbini, Nepal, the birthplace of the Buddha. This quiet region is covered in monasteries and monuments to the figurehead of the Buddhist tradition, Randomly dotting the fields, they often appeared out of nowhere. While walking along a largely abandoned dirt road with trees and cows on either side, giant, gold-covered stupas would seemingly materialize before my very eyes. At one point, I found myself walking along a dirt path in the early evening. Admiring how the sunset cast its light across the surface of a nearby stream and bathed its vibrant lotus flowers in a warm glow, I was struck by the staggering beauty of the place, almost entranced by the thought of how far away from home I was, a traveler vastly removed from the worries and business of everyday life. Of course, not all of my experiences in Nepal were this uplifting.

NEPAL FACES EXTENSIVE POVERTY, and because the topic of our research involved impoverished children. I also saw many disturbing sights during my trip: the elderly man sleeping on the street outside of our hotel and begging for food during the day; young men carrying loads of stone in large canvas bags tied around their foreheads: the frail and emaciated children who would tug on my shirt and hold out their hands for food or money; children searching through piles of trash for food. It was particularly challenging to accept the locals' negative view of street people, due in part to the caste system, which remains culturally pervasive. Still, I was careful not to develop a self-righteous attitude. It's too easy to impose our Western biases and assumptions on another country, decrying the suffering there but remaining blind to similar problems that exist, if to a lesser degree, in our own country.

Conducting our research involved visiting several nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), interviewing NGO administrative staff, visiting transition homes and drop-in centers for street children, and interacting with children both on the streets and at the NGOs. Despite the dire circumstances facing many of these children, they often have a surprisingly good attitude. Perhaps the most inspiring example of this occurred during a music lesson at one of the NGOs. Accompanied by their music teacher, who played a small keyboard, several children sang traditional Nepalese folk songs. After a few minutes, one of the little girls stood in the middle of the circle and began dancing, a broad smile on her face. Many of the other children followed suit, and before long the children had successfully pulled the entire research group, including me, into the mix. I was uplifted by the optimism, the attitude and the downright glee of these children who have faced such hardship.

In addition to spending the spring 2010 semester in Turkey, Garth Libhart accompanied Associate Professor of English Rachana Sachdev, Blake Mosser '10, and juniors Stephen Hyde, of Rochester, N.Y., and Christina Harrington of Wallingford Conn on a three-week research sciourn to Negal lost summer Their research, funded by the ASIA Network Freemon Foundation Students Foculty Fellows Program for Collaborative Research in Asia, focused on the country's street children. Their research included site visits to five nongovernmental arganizations (NGAs) aperation in the country—Kids Shangri-la Home APC-Nepal South South CWSN-Jyoti, and CWIN. The organizations work primarily with street children, but also serve at-risk youth as well as abused and trafficked children. Findings of the group's research are being presented to Asian studies classes an campus and at the Asian Studies Symposium this spring



The stone stairway leading to the Swayambhunath Stupsa. or "Monkey Temple," in Kathmandu

My EXPERIENCES in Nepal and Turkey changed my perception of the world and continue to influence my thinking about poverty, Islam, Western privilege, power and the pressure to speak English. Being able to associate real experiences and people with world affairs drastically alters the way one considers a particular issue, and I have found this to be enriching to my worldview. Growing up in the United States, for example, I had little exposure to Islam. and was even taught by many to fear and distrust it.

But having lived and studied in a Muslim country, I have realized how problematic and inaccurate this mentality is, especially as I came to know Turks, Although many women in Istanbul wear headscarves, the cust om is not pervasive and did not match what I had been conditioned to feel about such symbols of religious affiliation. During my first week in Istanbul. I must have seen 100 different women simultaneously donning the headscarf and talking on their iPhones. Immediately, the inaccurate view that had been ingrained in me-that all Muslim women are somehow inherently oppressed, controlled, subjugated and ultraconservative-was dismantled.

Moreover, my experiences deepened my awareness of Western privilege, especially as it relates to language. The world invests extraordinary power in the ability to speak English and to have access to good education. This was particularly obvious when I realized that knowing English was enough to get me by nearly everywhere I went. I came to understand that the fortunate circumstance in which I was raised—knowing the English language as a native speaker-has made my life so much easier than the lives of people who do not have the same fortune. English speakers travel the world and largely expect to have no problems, and for the most part, they don't. I cannot imagine the same would be true for a speaker of Nepalese or Turkish in the United States. Reaching an awareness of this privilege is profoundly humbling. These realizations continue to influence my day-to-day thinking, whether I'm in class or reading the newspaper.

In traveling to Turkey and Nepal, I was afforded the unique opportunity to live at a crossroads, constantly observing the ebb and flow of culture, language and human interaction, and providing the invaluable experience of juggling cultural expectations and norms. In doing so, I learned to straddle cultural boundaries and, in that process, to break some of them down. As my perspectives continue to evolve, I am eager to learn more about the bustling, expansive and enriching world around me. And what a world it is. ~

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Enter Sharon, the nursing home's social director. "Great to see you guys!" Her smile oozes with an enthusiasm the rest of us lack, and she wastes no time corralling us into the elevator and up to the third floor. When the doors part, she starts grabbing anyone elderly who happens by, turning back to us every time she snags one, saying things like "Who wants to go with Francie?" and "Why don't you go with Bob?" We all look at each other and then at our shoes, and we're slowly volunteered off one by one.



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NURSE COMES DOWN the hallway pushing a heavyset old lady in a wheelchair. Sharon leans toward the woman and chirps, "Diane! Do you want to go down and play some games in the community room with these nice young people?"

"No."

Me neither, my mind quietly cheers.

"Aw, but Diane, it's going to be lots of fun."

"No. I want to stay here."

Diane's rejections are flat, clear and beautifully stubborn, and for a moment, it looks like she might actually win this skirmish. But then Sharon, like a swimming instructor coaxing a skittish kid into the water, says. "Then why don't you sing for these people, Diane? You have such a lovely voice." Two of the nurses quickly buttress sharon's sentences with heavy flattery, and Diane caves.

"OK. I'm going to sing a song called Paper Doll," Diane says matter-of-factly as she turns to us. "My father used to sing it to me when I was a little girl."

And she begins to sing an old, sweet-jazz ululaby, her high, warbling old-lady voice strong and unabashed. Her pale blue eyes are wide like they're staring at something beyond us college kids, like she's gazing out at the night sky. I imagine she was once one of those old ladies who could sing all the extra little harmonies to the old hymns, the ones the rest of the congregation had either forgotten or never learned.

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She finishes, and I don't know what to do. I slide a hand into my pocket and shift my weight. Sharon and the other nurses soak Diane with syrupy praise fit for a small child. My peers and I hesitate for a moment and then follow their lead with some light applause. Dianes will is sufficiently broken now, and Sharon moves in for the kill.

"Diane, why don't you come down for just a little while? You don't have to play games if you don't want to."

"OK," she says grudgingly.

"How about you go with Diane?"

I quickly look over at the kid standing next to me, but he's already looking down at his feet. She's got me. Sharon swiftly delegates her recruiting duties to one of the nurses and wheels Diane into the clevator. I follow behind her, quiet and reluctant.

"Who are you?" Diane looks up at me.
"I'm Ryan. I'm a student at the university. We're

"I'm Ryan. I'm a student at the university. We're here to play games with you."

"Oh."

A second of silence lumbers by. Sharon remarks on the late-August heat that's pocketed the Susquehanna Valley.

"Weatherman's calling for rain tomorrow," Diane assures us with a nod.

The elevator doors open, and we walk down the hallway to the community room. I sit down across from Diane at a card table, and she abruptly asks me, "Do you think it'll rain?"

"I guess."

The question catches me off guard, but I don't start making assumptions until Diane stares blankly at me and asks, for the third time in 10 minutes, "Who are you?"

What I remember most about Diane is her eyes. Her pale crystal-blue irises always stretching her black pupils wide, like she's a child seeing the world for the first time.

HEAVEN SCARED ME when I was a kid,

It's one of my earliest memories. I'm playing in the backyard, and my mother comes out into the sunshine and sits me down at the picnic table. She tells me Grandma has gone to heaven, and I don't understand. In my mind, heaven is a place full of pews, where Grandma will have to stand forever, singing while some monstrous organ plays endlessly. And God stands at the front of heaven facing all the

pews with his arms straight out, palms up. He has a green stole draped over his shoulders and a thin stream of spittle occasionally connecting his upper lip to his lower lip. Light reflects off his bald head.

God actually looked a lot like Pastor Witmer.

I remember wanting to know why Grandma couldn't come back. My mother's answer was something like, "Well, you can't come back from heaven." I felt sorry for Grandma and scared for myself. What kind of destiny is that?

But at least she wasn't in hell. From what I'd gathered at Bible School, in hell, they set you on fire.

Sometime after my grandmother's death, I dreamt that 18 died and gone to heaven. I found myself sitting encased in a glistening soap bubble, floating alone through dark blue space. And though I could see other bubbles, no one could talk to each other. No one could touch and no one could leave.

When I woke up, I crawled out of bed and walked swiftly through the dark into my parents' room. Carefully I climbed into their bed, slipping under the warm sheets, snuggling myself between Mom and Dad, and I stayed there the rest of the night.

Jean-Paul Sartre once wrote, "Hell is other people," but I disagree. I think hell is isolation. Hell is being abandoned in the dark.

It's like this: I used to take Tae Kwon Do at the YMCA when I was a kid. After wed all bow out and class was over, the first people to leave were the kids whose parents were out in the parking lot waiting for them. I'd sit out in the lobby and watch them go as I stared through the glass doors, hoping, praying, for Mom's van to pull up. I was always the last kid left. Then adults would start drifting by, and I'd try to pretend like I wasn't panicking.

I'm not scared of heaven anymore.

Dennis, 20-something and almost a black belt, would walk by secwiling straight ahead and looking dangerous, leaving me unacknowledged as he passed. Then Ieff, the big soft-spoken businessman, would walk by and give me a nod, his face pink from the shower. Then Edgar, then Cricket, then Darryl, Sue, Tommy and the sensei, last of all. Cleaned up and wearing a golf cap, hed give me a wave before vanishing out into the parking lot.

I'd watch the adults drift out the doors, scattering in all directions like marbles spilled from a jar, until it was just me and the guy behind the front desk.

If Mom was five minutes late, I'd break out in a cold sweat.

If Mom was 10 minutes late, I'd start pacing the lobby.

If Mom was 15 minutes late, I was an orphan for sure.

And then, 17 minutes later, the van would pull up, and I'd be demanding to know where she'd been. The grocery store was never an acceptable excuse.

C.S. Lewis once dreamt he was in the afterlife. It was an empty town, submerged in unending rain and perpetual twilight, where people abandoned house after house, spreading slowly further and further apart out into the darkness for all eternity. This is Lewis's picture of hell. A far cry from Dantés crowded, constricted Inferno, in this hell, Lewis barely sees amone at all. Henry V, Genghis Khan and Julius Caesar are all millions of miles away from each other and everyone else. Napoleon's house is nothing but a distant last night years away from each other and everything.

It seems to me the universe works about the same way. Starlight tinted the color of redshift tells accentists that everything is drifting away from everything else. High-powered telscopes have killed all the men on Mars and shown us we're just loating all alone in the solar system. Maybe we're floating all alone in



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the universe. When scientists talk about extraterrestrial life now, they're hoping for bacteria shivering on some distant moon.

I read a book that said the universe is surrounded by nothingness. It was a book for a philosophy class. It said if the universe contains every single place there is, then there can't be any place outside the universe. If you telescope out far enough, beyond counties, countries, continents, orbits and galaxies, out beyond the universe, we're nowhere. The universe is floating in nothingness. suspended like a soap bubble.

"I LIVE ON THE third floor," Diane tells me as I dump a box of dominoes on the table. But she's not completely sure about that. Her window, she tells me, looks over a farm and a wheat field. Then with wide eyes she whispers to me, "I hope my room will be the same as it was this morning."

Our conversation is a five-minute loop that's always circling back to the third floor, back to Diane not knowing where she is. We eat ice cream and drink the generic-brand root beer Sharon carted in, and Diane continues changing her mind about her room. Sometimes she asks me, "Are we on the third floor?" Sometimes she tells me she lives with her sister, Rosemary, in Harlington, and then she recites Rosemary's exact address and phone number, clinging to those seven digits like they're a life preserver.

"What floor do I live on?" she asks. "I think you live on the third floor," I say, trying to reassure her even though I know my words won't pierce the fog around her mind.

Sometimes with a quiet panic in her eyes, she just admits it: "I don't know where I live." And almost as an afterthought, she adds, "I don't want to be alone"







THE FIRST TIME I went to the university's chapel service, the organ sounded so big it gave me goose bumps. Majestic is the word for it, I guess. The choir sat at my right, facing me, a warm wave of harmony. To my left, a tone-deaf earth and environmental sciences major was doing her best to take me down with her. Never sing next to a drowning person. I told myself. I have enough trouble treading water as it is.

During the Lord's Prayer, I was the only one who said "trespasses" instead of "sins." Like the God of my childhood, the chaplain sported a green stole and a shiny bald head-but no spittle. His cool clear words echoed off the back wall as he told us we all want to give up our lives

to something bigger than ourselves, no

matter what the cost. Then the bloodshed-for-me was burning warm in the back of my throat, and we were singing again, the choir sweet and perfect, me just good enough, and the girl beside me adding her own special harmony, just the way God made her. All of us, one body, one voice.

I'm not scared of heaven anymore. When Dante emerged from the Inferno and journeyed up into the stars. he didn't find himself floating in nothingness. He found himself gazing at the God whose sphere encircled all the others. He found the universe wrapped in God. And so for me, believing in God has become like gazing at the stars. They're something I could never touch, but on the clear nights, when I look up, they're always shining down on me like fingers from heaven, and when my bubble pops, that's where I'll land.

The sun's shining through the window in the nursing home's community room.

"I don't think anybody lives on the third floor." Diane tells me as she studies the table for a moment and then slides another domino in place. She connects seven green dots to nine purple ones. I choose not to point out her error and take a sip of root beer.

"I hope my room will be the same as it was this morning," she says again.

"I'm sure it's still up there," I say softly as I slide another domino into place. ~



# RIVALRY ON THE RIVERS Help SU Be the Big Fish in the River



Attention young alumni from the classes of 2000 through 2016: Make your gift of any annount today and help Susquehanna win the Rivalry on the Rivers. This 100-day challenge between Susquehanna and Juniata College ends in just a few short weeks! Whichever school has the most alumni donors on May 11 will be crowned the winner. And there's more than bragging rights on the line.

We have a generous donor on the hook for \$100,000 IP we can reel it in. We can also prevent President L. lay Lemons from losing the side wager he has with Juniata's president. We don't want to see Jay dress in blue and gold and kayak down the Juniata River. The mighty Susquehanna is our home! Besides, orange and maroon make a much better color combination.

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## The 'Grove

## Q&A

José Sanchez Assistant Director of Residence Life for Community Development



José Sanchez, who joined the Susquehanna community last July, plays a pivotal role in supervising student residence staff, the Faculty in Residence program, and the Growing Relations and Opportunities With Theme Housing (GROWTH) program. In addition, Sanchez addresses community and student concerns that arise in mediation meetings. He is also involved with community development efforts within residence halls. Sanchez recently shared his perspective on the job with Susquehanna Currents

SG: What do you find unique about the Susquehanna community? JS: I would describe Susquehanna University as a close-knit community—welcoming, friendly, supportive—that prides itself in developing a sense of family with all its members.

SC: In what ways would you like to see the Susquehanna community grow?

JS: I feel that our institution has the potential to attract more students from different backgrounds, states, and even increase the number of countries represented on our campus through our international student population.

SC: How do you see Susquehanna's community working hand-in-hand with the larger community?

JS:1 believe our students are our greatest assets and best representatives of what Susquehanna can do. By working hand in hand with faculty and staff, they can make a difference through their service and civic engagement on campus and in the community at large.

SC: What tips do you have for students who want to take full advantage of living on campus?

JS: Make the most of your experience living in our residence halls by taking the time to get to know your roommates, residents on your floor, your resident assistant and your head resident. Our student staff is a great support system and resource to all our residential students. Don't be afraid to bring your concerns or ideas to them; they are there for you and strive to put together educational and social programs for you in the residence halls. Support their efforts, get to know them and attend their programs.

SC: What does it mean to build community at a liberal arts college like Susquehanna?

JS: It means taking a collaborative and proactive approach. The element I find essential to our success is developing partnerships between faculty, staff and our students. Communication and inclusion are also important, especially in decisions that involve our community as a whole. There is also the need to develop a school identity, build school spirit and unity, and come together in support of each other.

## **SYLLABUS**

Rock Music and Society:

It's Only Rock-'n'-Roll, But Students Still Like It

At first blush, most people wouldn't consider a class about rock music very intellectually stimulating, but Susquehanna students who take Rock Music and Society would beg to differ.

"It changed everything, almost as much as World War II did a generation beforehand," says creative writing major T.J. Heffers '12, speaking about the genre.

Rock Music and Society examines how society has influenced rock music and, in turn, how rock music has influenced society. Victor Boris, the adjunct faculty member who currently teaches the course, says the class studies music in relation to "attitudes, trends and problems in the growth—or decline, in some cases—of America and portions of Europe."

For students like Heffers, who generally listen to 1960s and '70s rock, the class provides a historical and cultural context for the music they love. And for those students not so well versed in it, the class exposes them to new music.



Victor Boris teaching the popular Rock Music and Society class



For instance, Megan Kingsborough'13, an international studies and Spanish major, says she was "never really an acidrock kind of gal."

"But," she says, "it's not that bad, actually. I have learned to like more kinds of music."

Students study performers such as Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, Pete Seeger, Peter, Paul and Mary, and Frank Zappa. Boris ranks these artists among some of the most profound musicians in modern history. "Each had their own style," he says.

However, the course doesn't study their music from a technical standpoint, it focuses instead on a historical perspective, exploring structure and messages in songs from the 1950s to 1990s in the pop, rock and blues genres. Historically, it covers the civil rights, women's and hippie movements, the assassinations of the Kennedys and Martin Luther King Jr., the Vietnam War, and the threat of nuclear destruction.

"It makes so much more sense when you study a song in the context of history, just like one would a book," Kingsborough says, "One couldn't fully understand Animal Farm without comprehending totalitarianism, just like one couldn't understand Revolution without understanding John Lennon's views on Vietnam and the social protests."

Boris emphasizes that Rock Music and Society is just as much about its second component—society—as it is about its first. "I feel that students who take this class should be interested not only in the 'oldies' that we still hear in malls and restaurants today, but they should be made aware of the recent history that made the world what it is today."

## FORWARD THINKING

Research Explores Prenatal Influence on Obesity

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2.4 million more Americans were obese in 2009 than in 2007. Every U.S. state has at least a 15 percent obesity rate among adults, and the 2007–08 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey estimated 17 percent of 2- to 19-year-olds are obese. But some unlikely help for this dilemma tust might be found in hamsters.

In collaboration with Lehigh University; Assistant Professor of Biology Erin Keen-Rhinehart studied pregnant hamters and their odfspring. Animal experiments were conducted at Lehigh while brain analyses were done in Keen-Rhinehart's lab. The experiment prevented one group of pregnant hamsters from hoarding.

"Hamsters, unlike rats, use food hoarding as a normal part of their ingestive behavior. This hoarding behavior is similar to humans storing food in the pantry, refrigerator or freezer for later consumption," explains Keen-Rhinehart.



Assistants hip student Katelynn Ondek '14 works in Erin Keen-Rhinehart's lab, studying the link between prenatal nutrition and obesity.

The offspring of the restricted group had higher body weights, more abdominal fat, more plasma insulin and increased food intake compared to those of the unrestricted group. This difference in food intake might be connected to increased neuropeptide Y production in the brain in the restricted groups offspring.

These physiological and behavioral changes resemble those in people and rats subjected to impaired prenatal nutrition. Knowledge gained from this research may increase understanding of ingestive behaviors and, therefore, aid in the development of obesity treatments.

Amanda Teeple '11, Samantha Cartwright '11, Samantha Moyer '11 and Katelynn Ondek' '14 work with Keen-Rhinehart. Teeple and Cartwright accompanied her to the Society for Neuroscience's National Neuroscience Meeting to share their findings.

"The event was an amazing opportunity that entailed research from different areas pertaining to the neuroscience field. It was very exciting to present our research at a national meeting. It was my first opportunity to attend a meeting of this size." Teeple says.

Ondek, Keen-Rhinehart's assistantship student, relished the opportunity to perform research in her freshman year and submit her work nationally. Her research, like that of the other students working in the lab—several of whom served as upperclass mentors to her—focused on a single neuropeptide and its levels in the offspring from both groups.

Although a lot has been accomplished thus far, Keen-Rhinehart plans to repeat the original study. The complex subject matter demands examination of other proteins in the brain and their possible effects on food intake. "We are really just at the beginning stages of this project," Keen-Rhinehart says. "There are many things I am hoping to explore further."

Contributing writers to The 'Grove section are Audrey Carroll '12 and Megan McDermott '14

## **Score**board

#### SUSQUEHANNA ATHLETICS INDUCTS 2011 HALL OF FAME CLASS



Susquehanna University inducted seven members into the SU Sports Hall of Fame in February. The seven individuals represented six sports, with several multi-sport athletes honored.

The class comprised track and field at hlete **Dan Cregan '96**, baseball and football standout **Mike Gerhart '95**, baseball player and dedicated **SU** employee **Joe Herb 63**, football player **Tim Lawlor '77**, baseball and soccer playe **Bill Mueller '89**, lacrosse player **Erin Powell (91**, and field hockey and lacrosse standout **Amy Jümmerman '98**.

Cregan, an integral part of two championship teams, had a profit four-year career for the Crusaders. Cregan was tabbed the Outstanding Male Performer at the 1994 MAC Outdoor Championships after winning the 200, 400 and 4 × 100 events. That year, SU captured the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Championship, the first of back-tot-back titles for Susquehanna.

As a senior, Cregan was named the team's Most Valuable Athlete following a season in which he finished third at the MAC Championships in the 400 and was a member of the winning 4 x 100 relay team.

A two-sport athlete, Gehart was a star on both the football field and on the baseball diamond. On the gridiron, he was a three-year starter at comerback who finished his career with 148 tackles, six interceptions and 25 pass breakups. Also active on special teams, he averaged 95 yards per punt return and led the MAC as a junior by averaging 126 yards per return. Gerhart was a two-time MAC All-Star, including a First Feam nod as a senior and was named 5 special Teams Player of the Year as a junior. His senior season, he tied the NC AA Division Illirecord with a 100-yard interception return.

The accolades for his baseball career were equally impressive. He was a four-year starter in center field and picked up three MAC First-Team All-Star nods. He remains teld for third in career triples (11), and teld for fourth in career his (150) and doubles (27). Gerhart also ranks second in school history in career a task (464) and third in career runs scored (114). The Crusaders advanced to the NCAA Tournament his freshman and senior seasons, and the 1995 team was the first and only MAC chamoloship team in school history.

Herb's induction stands out as he is entering the Hall of Fame not only as a former student-athlete at Susquehanna, but also for his 40 years of service to the university. Herb, who serves as director of the Institute for Lifelong Learning, was a vastily leterman on the baseball team during his days as a Crusader. After graduation, he began assisting the football program by fifting both home and away games. Over the next 40 years, Herb rarely missed a game day and worked with some of the most prestigious SU football coaches in the program's history. His sportsmanship and commitment to Susquehanna, in addition to his playing career, have now earned him a place in the SU Sports Hall of Fame.

Lawlor joins Gerhart as a former SU football star earning his induction into the Hall of Fame this winter. Lawlor was a flour-year starter who still stands near the top of several all-time lists. As a freshman, he set the single-season rushing record for a Susquehanna rockie after rushing for 669 yards in 1973. At the time, Lawlor was the first freshman to rush for at least 500 yards in a season, finishing second in the MAC in that category. His rockie record mark stood until 2006, when Dawe Paweler '10 set a new record.

Over his career, he earned All-America honors from the Associated Press and was a Pennsylvania All-State Honorable Mention. He ranks sixth in SU history with 500 career rushes, seventh in career rushing yards (1,815) and 10th in rushing yards per game (49.1). Over his career, he earned Most Valuable Player, Best Back and Best Rookie accolades from the SU coaching staff.

Mueller was another two-sport athlete for the Crusaders, as a member of the baseball and soccer teams. On the diamond, he was a two-year starter in the outfield who hit for a .346 career average with 61 walks and 75 runs scored. As a junior, he boasted a .360 batting average with two homers, 35 runs scored and 25 RBI.

On the soccer pitch, he led SU in scoring during his junior and senior seasons, tallying 29 career goals and remaining second on the all-time list. He also currently stands fourth all-time with 62 career points.

One of two women's lacrosse players being inducted this year, Powell earned four varisity letters during her tenure and was the first Susquehanna athlete to earn NCAA Division III All-America honors. In addition, she was the first player in program history to be selected as a MAC MMP. In addition to her MVP honor, Powell was a four-time MAC All-Star, with a spot on the First Team in three of those years. She also helped the Cusaders grath bein first-ever reculate reason AMC XIVI.

Following her senior season, she was selected to compete in the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse College Association (IWLCA) Division III North/South Senior All-Star Game.

Rounding out the class is Zimmerman, a field hockey and lacrosse goalie from 1994—98. She was a four-year starter in the cage for the field hockey team and earned All-MAC honors as a senior. She finished her senior season with a 0.90 goals—against average and nine shutouts, and remains the all-time career saves leader at Suscueshanna with 714. as well as the leader in shurours (15).

Zimmerman's performance on the lacrosse field was equally prolific. She made 451 saves in 43 career games to rank second in program history. As a senior, Zimmerman finished second in the MAC in goals-against average and save percentage.

## Hit and Run

Susquehanna mourned the loss of football coaching legend and SU Sports Hall of Fame member Bob Pittello '51, who passed away in early January. (See related story, pp. 52.)

ors---Marty Owens, of men's and Findlay, of men's soccer

A combined 29 student-athletes earned All-League honors following the fall season. Another 54 student-athletes were named to the Landmark Conference Fall Academic Honor Roll.

Seniors Lindsey Jankiewicz (volleyball) and Alycía Woodruff respectively, while Brandon Mash '14 (cross country) was tabbed the Landmark Conference Rookie of

The men's and women's soccer teams earned the NSCAA Academic Awards for maintaining a team grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 during the previous academic year, in 2009-10. the men boasted a GPA of 3.16. while the women finished with a 3.33 GPA.

#### ICE HOCKEY CLUB SKATES TOWARD SUCCESS

What has padding, sticks and ice all over? The Susquehanna Ice Hockey Club, of course, a revamped team that is quickly emerging as one of the most successful club sports at SU.

The team turned heads when its first game of the season resulted in a 10-4 win over defending league champions Dickinson College. According to former captain and current player Matt Gawlicki '11, the club has been around for years. but "the new team" formed in 2004 under Joe Thompson '08. The team previously played with the Sunbury Men's League until the winter of 2008, says Gawlicki, who became captain before the team went to playoffs in the 2007-08 season.

Gawlicki says his first task as captain was to schedule the season opener against York College, which the team won. He then sought coaching help in former Susquehanna professor Samer Abboud. who now teaches at Arcadia University.

With an official coach, the team was accepted into the Mid-Atlantic Invitational Collegiate Hockey League (MICHL), a Division III club hockey league based in Whitehall. Pa. The team staved with the MICHL



Brian Lysy, a junior chemistry major from Brick, N.J. hits the ice for practice.

until this past summer, when it transferred to the Division III American Collegiate Hockey Association under current coach Drew Wright and adviser Michael Ever, network service technician in SU's Office of Information Technology

Gawlicki now serves as a senior leader and is "playing for the love of a game that has been part of my life since I was 5 years old."

Currently, the coed team consists of 24 dedicated members, 23 men and one woman. The captain is junior Frank Bruskey. Assistant captains are juniors Max Foner and Geoff Wilson. They practice twice a week at the nearby Sunbury Ice Rink, with games once or twice a week at either the local rink or an opponent's rink. This season, the club has faced off against Moravian College, Dickinson College, American University, DeSales University, Gettysburg College and Johns Hopkins University.

Gawlicki says he's proud of how the team has grown since he was a freshman. "It's hard to pinpoint just one thing that makes this club so exciting to be a part of," he says. "The rapid growth of the program and the avid support we get from the school community is something that I would have never thought possible four years ago.

"With all of the support and publicity that we are getting now, the future of the program is undoubtedly bright."

## **Score**board

## FOOTBALL FINDS TIME TO GIVE BACK

Calling Sudquehanna University football players 'busy' might be the understatement of the year. They juggle classes, practices, workouts and weekend games and still manage to maintain some semblance of a social life. It would be easy to give them a free pasts te enjoy the little down time they have, but if there is one quality SU players are not short on, it's ambition.

Last spring, senior captain Ryan Schumann approached Susquehanna offensive coordinator Nate Milne and asked if it would be possible to designate one of the team's 2010 home games as a fundraiser for autism.



The football team selected its game against Muhlenberg last season to serve as Autism Speaks Awareness Day.

In 2009, the team picked a home game to raise funds and awareness for breast cancer research. Schumann's hope was that a similar day could be chosen the next fall to raise autism awareness, as well as donations for the Autism Speaks foundation.

Schumann's younger brother, Hayden, was diagnosed with autism in 1996, and Schumann says something Milne had the team do during the spring was an added inspiration behind his idea for this year's fundraiser.

"Last spring, Coach Milne gave each of us a 3-by-5 index card and asked us to list the things that were important to us, with the first one being what was the absolute most important thing to us," Schumann says, "and my number one was my younger brother."

Schumann's family has a long history of involvement with Autism Speaks, having volunteered at other fundraisers for the organization, as well as the Special Olympics. So, with the full support of Milne, the rest of the coaching staff and his teammates, Schumann ran with the idea.

SU selected its game against Muhlenberg in September to serve as Autism Speaks Awareness Day, and the team rallied to raise as much money as it could for an organization that had such a personal connection to one of its own teammates.

During the week leading up to SU's home game against Muhlenberg, the team set up a table outside the school bookstore where players took shifts collecting donations and distributing information about autism. In addition, head coach Steve Briggs challenged each of the players to raise at least 55 on his own.

At the game, Schumann's immediate family, including Hayden, received a warm welcome from the entire team and had a spot on the sideline for the game.

Perhaps the highlight of the day, at least in Hayden's eyes, was when the captains escorted him out onto the field to take part in the coin toss. Schumann held his younger brother by the hand as the four football players and Hayden proceeded together to midfield for the pregame toss.

"Hayden had a great time," Schumann says. "He loved being around the players, and I couldn't have asked for a better group of guys to introduce him to."

The team's awareness and fundraising efforts did not end after the coin flip, however. A portion of the gate proceeds went to the pool of donations the team had already collected, as did the money gathered by the cheerleaders during halftime as they worked their way through the stands collecting contributions.

In total, the weeklong effort raised \$1,650 for Autism Speaks, ensuring that the Susquehanna football team's impact on the organization will last far longer than those seven days.

See related story on pp. 6.

## Hit and Run

The softball program earned 2009–10 Girls Got Game/NCFA Division III Academic Team honors

SU provided fans with its first live Web stream of a swim meet on Jan. 29 against Albright College, which also marked the program's Senior Day.

Football: player and team captain Ryan Schumann '11 was invited to play in the Second Annual Division il Senior Football Classic

The men's and women's basketball teams hosted their first "Midnight Madness" event in October. The event featured food, music and prizes, including the chance to win a new 2010 Toyota Corolla.

Susquehanna's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee hosted free pumpkin carving at Amos Alonzo Stagg Field at Nicholas A. Lopardo Stadium in October for children in kindergarten to ninth grade.

#### LEADING THE WAY

No. spring break did not come early when two Susquehanna student-athletes made a trip to Florida last October, Rather, Marcus Cheatham '13, of the men's lacrosse team and softball player Lisa Finizio '12 were taylo of nearly 450 student-athletes from across the country who convened in Orlando for the annual NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Forum.

Cheatham and Finizio were handpicked by head women's soccer and softball coach Kathy Kroupa, who also heads the CHAMPS/Life Skills program at Susquehanna. Accompanying them was head women's lacrosse coach Laura Moan, who also participated in the forum with fellow coaches and various administrators from across the country

Cheatham and Finizio were able to ignore the distractions of 85-degree weather and nearby Disney World to become immersed in the conference, which began before they ever set foot in Orlando.

Prior to the forum, every student-athlete. coach and administrator completed a DiSC assessment test to determine what type of leader they are. There were four leadership categories: D (dominance), I (influence), S (steadiness) and C (conscientiousness), and the results of the assessment test were right on target

Finizio's results indicated that she had strong traits from all four categories. while Cheatham's reflected strong D and Ltendencies

"It was absolutely spot-on," Finizio says. "I am pretty even and I definitely see myself in each of the categories. But some people were really strong Ds or Cs, and it was interesting to see that in black and white."

Cheatham and Moan were classified as high Ds, which came as a shock to neither of them

"After taking the test, it became really easy to identify which letter every person was." Cheatham says. "People would say to me right away, 'you've got to be a strong D."

While labeling people might seem contradictory to what a team is all about-bringing everyone together-Finizio, Cheatharn



Marcus Cheatham '13 and Lisa Finizio '12 attended the NCAA Student-Athlete Le adership Forum in Orlando.

and Moan learned that in reality, identifying the different personalities on a team is the first step to uniting it.

"Being a dominant and influential personality, I definitely do like bringing people together for a common goal." Cheatham says, "But I feel like every player has different strengths and any type of personality can be a leader."

Moan echoed similar thoughts, "I am most definitely a high D, and this was great for everyone to understand that their teammates, peers, players all have different personalities and that one is not better or more important," she says. "If you had a team of all Ds, it'd be a disaster. Everyone brings different strengths to the table, and you learn to appreciate those differences.

Now it's up to Finizio, Cheatham and Moan to use what they learned in a way that benefits their teammates.

"We learned how to brand ourselveshow to represent yourself, what your actions say to others, how you react in social situations," Moan explains, "I know more about my person ality now, and I know the different types of people there are, so now I can pick them out and work with them better."

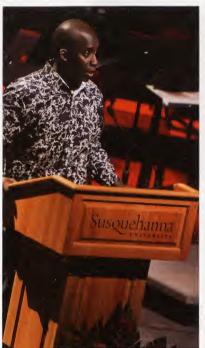
They were able to put their knowledge to use right away. Conference attendees were divicted into groups and spent the weekend working together in group activities to learn exactly how to best work with personalities from every end of the leadership spectrum.

So was a late-October trip to Florida that didn't entail time at the beach or Disney World worth it?

"Absolutely," Cheatham says, "and I know I'll act differently going forward."

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## People Places



Derrick "DNA" Ashong presented keynote address for Susquehanna's celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.

## "DNA" and SU Celebrate Legacy of Legendary Civil Rights Activist

Musician and radio host Derrick "DNA" Ashong headlined Susquehanna's celebration of the soul and spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 20.

Keynote speaker Ashong is a Harvard-educated talent who gained national attention after his recorded thoughts on Barack Obama at a 2008 Democratic debate became one of You Tube's most downloaded videos of that year. The lead singer of the band Soulfege, Ashong won Billboard Magazine's World Song Contest in 2007. He appeared in the role of Buke in Steven Spielberg's Amistad. Most recently, the 35-year-old landed his own show on Oprah Winfrey's SIRIUS XM radio station. Ashong has been called the voice of a new generation, finding ways to inspire, engage and move people to action for social change.

In addition to Ashong's address, the evening featured music by the Susquehanna University Wind Ensemble, directed by Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Bands Eric Hinton. The group performed Joseph Schwantner's New Morning for the World: Deaybreak of Freedom, which incorporates excerpts of King's "I Have a Dream" speech. The performance marked one of the few times the piece has been performed on a college campus, due to its difficulty.

The Susquehanna University Choir, directed of Choral Activities Rodney Caldwell, also performed. In addition, Mifflinburg High School students Alicia Pucci, who took first place in the Martin Luther King essay contest, read her winning entry, "A Legacy of Leadership." The Rev. Mark Wm. Radecke, associate professor of religion and university chaplain, served as master of ceremonies, and remarks from University President L. Jay Lemons rounded out the program.

## Students Examine Pros and Cons of Government Regulations

Regulating Bodies: Food, Sex, Drugs and the Economy, a course taught by Professor of Anthropology Shari Jacobson, does what so many classes aim to accomplish—break down students' preconceived notions and put their newfound knowledge into action. In the case of Regulating Bodies, students learn about, then debate, the pros and cons of government regulations.

"Government is the only institution to regulate impartially," stated Megan McDonie '13 during one such debate, held in the meeting rooms of the Charles B. Degenstein Campus Center last fall.

Students tackled whether or not government regulation of food, sex, drugs and the economy is necessary for society. During the debate on food regulation, proponents claimed it was essential and gaining efficiency thanks to President Barack Obamás changes to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Opponents asserted that government regulation is unneeded and harmful to industry and consumers. They portrayed the interference as paternalistic and

suggested that the government can misidentify what's good for society.

The affirmative side debating the regulation of sex argued for the effectiveness of government regulation, especially in combating sexual slavery and assault, while the negative team echoed sentiments from the prior debate about paternalism. They asserted that sexual morality is contingent upon cultural mores, and therefore, regulation often leads to a "teramor of the majority."

Harry Strine, an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Communications, judged the negative side as winners of the food debate. For the debate on regulation of sex, Michael Smyth, assistant professor of sociology and director of the Arlin M. Adams Center for Law and Society, decided in favor of the affirmative side. The debates on regulation of the economy and drugs ended in affirmative victories.

While the students challenged each other in debate, the course challenged each student's preconceptions. To do so, it drew from various disciplines.

such as political philosophy, anthropology and literature.

"People complain that we have too much interference in our lives from our government, but they have little knowledge of what a lot of government interference actually looks like," Jacobson says. "Similarly, they don't really know what it is like to Jive in a state where the government does nothing."

"I don't think that it is possible for me to express or explain everything that I have learned in this class," says Lauren Van Derzee' 12, "The class was cumulative and allowed us to look at our government in a different way, which I found fascinating."

"I think we have all arrived at a more robust understanding of how complex our society is and the myriad challenges that government regulation both faces and has the potential to resolve;" Jacobson adds. "It should appeal to anyone who takes his or her citizenship seriously."



Megan McDonie '13 (left) and Katie Sutton '13 debate the pros and cons of food regulation, as part of a debate series presented by Shari Jacobson's Regulating Bodies class.



Dan Goodwin '14, Berkeley Chapman '11 and Nick Corridoni '11 participate in a poverty simulation, conducted on campus by the Union-Snyder Community Action Agency and co-sponsored by SU's Center for Civic Engagement and Center for Diversity and Social Justice.

## Program Makes Poverty Personal for Susquehannans

Last fall, students, faculty and staff assumed new identities and family designations as part of a poverty simulation, conducted by the Union-Snyder Community Action Agency and cosponsored by SUS Center for Civic Engagement and Center for Diversity and Social Justice. The simulation, which modeled a month of living in poverty, was part of the Social Justice Experience Series, an ongoing initiative of the Center for Diversity and Social Justice, which provides members of the Susquehanna community with experiences that bring to life theoretical knowledge of social justice.

"I wanted it to open my eyes to the struggles people face," says Samantha Culin '14, who participated in the poverty experience.

Grouped in assigned family units, participants gathered in the meeting rooms of the Charles B. Degenstein Campus Center. There they learned how much money they were earning compared to the cost of their monthly necessities. Facilitators introduced the simulation setup, which included destinations like a bank, supermarket and a department of social services. Going to any location except school required a transportation pass, representing travel costs.

The "month-long" simulation consisted of 12-minute "weeks." Each week required many tasks and a lot of stamina from participants. Karen Stewart '14 says, "The most stress-

ful aspect was definitely trying to find the time to go to work, cash my check and pay the bills, and at the same time make sure I had enough transportation passes for my children and me."

Frustration was palpable as participants rushed through each week, only to receive bad news—an eviction notice, utilities being shut off and unexpected financial burdens, such as a child needing glasses.

"I was flustered enough," says Tierney Ayers '12, "but then someone robbed me, the people at the Social Security offices were demanding and cold, and everyone was trying to rip me off. I knew it was just a simulation, but I am a very emotional person by nature, and at one point, I felt so defeated that my eyes started watering and I just wanted to sit down and cry."

M. Andy Nagy, interim coordinator of residence life for civic engagement and a key organizer of the event, says, "I think the stereotype of people in poverty being lazy was broken down really quickly."

In a debriefing session, attendees were encouraged to act upon their heightened empathy. Nagy suggested students assist a local community action agency, help a neighbor with childcare or an elderly person with taxes. "There are tons of ways to help." Naey says.

## Former Roommates Form Indoor Football Franchise

Matt Custer'11, a business administration major with emphases in marketing and finance, and Christopher Blake '11, a history major, started out as freshman roommates with a mutual interest in local sports. Now they're colleagues.

Harrisburg's professional indoor football team, the Stampede, allowed the pair a foot in the door of the sports industry-a door they're now prying open as they work on establishing their own team.

Fast-paced and fan-friendly, this brand of football requires players to stay on the field after games to sign autographs and interact with fans. This atmosphere captured the pair's imagination. They approached the owner of the Harrisburg Stampede to see how they could get involved after attending their first game

The Stampede's owner requested help with Facebook and Twitter fan pages to increase attendance and public interest. Blake took control of this task. Meanwhile, Custer worked on sponsorships and contracts with local businesses before settling into the role of director of media relations. A shift in management allowed him to experience the growing responsibility of a role similar to that of a general manager.

Now Custer and Blake have taken their Stampede experience with them as they work to form their own team. "The Stampede allowed us to see the ins and outs of running a professional indoor football team. We saw, through working for the team, how thrilling the sport is and how we could provide a community with a product that entire families can enjoy," says Blake.

Custer follows a guiding principle of his own: "You should be uninhibited in how you pursue things. If you want to achieve something, don't let anything hold you back."

Upon graduation, Custer will become the general manager of their team, catering to the southern tier of New York, with Blake by his side as the assistant general manager.

Custer says they aim to create "a successful franchise that will put fans in the seats and have the community falling in love with indoor football." In the long term, Blake says, "We have dreams of managing at a higher level, but we have to build our sports résumés from the ground up,"

The ambitious former roommates credit Susquehanna with propelling them toward success. "Susquehanna's professors have helped prepare me by showing how hard I have to work to be successful. It will take a lot of hard work to run this team. and the work we do here at Susquehanna will allow us to succeed," Blake says.



Christopher Blake, left, and Matt Custer decided to form their own professional indoor football team after working with the Harrisburg Stampede.

Contributing writers to People & Places are Audrey Carroll '12, Megan McDermott '14 and Karen Jones, assistant director of media relations.

## THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY

On Jan. 17, the Susquehanna community celebrated L. Jay Lemons' 10th anniversary as university president. The milestone was marked by an itinerary similar to the one he had at the opening of his first semester on campus. It included a celebratory reception, along with classroom visits and meals with four alumni who were part of his welcoming committee to years ago—Jim Dunlop '01. Garrett Bissell' 01, Katic Koo' 02 and Venus Ricks '02. But while "jay Day" was filled with reminders of Lemons' first days on campus, Susquehanna has experienced tremendous growth and advancement since his arrival. Under Lemons' leadership, the university has

- institutions similar in mission and reputation; adopted sustainability practices that reflect SU's commitment to environmental responsibility;

Some of the more prominent physical changes to campus in the last decade include the



#### New Science Building.

an 81,000-square-foot, LEED-certified green building constructed to support a projected 66 percent increase in laboratory science majors and the Institutional priority of educating all students in scientific methodology and inquiry.

#### Douglas E. Arthur Plaza,

Cunningham Center for Music and Art, a product of the renovation and expansion of Hellman Hall, which houses the ever-growing music and graphic design programs, as well as the acoustically designed, 320-seat Stretansky Concert Hall, where all students can broaden their cultural experiences through the arts.

a walk-through area, complete with a fountain and sitting area, located outside the Charles B. Degenstein Campus Center, honoring members of the Susquehanna Society whose lifetime support has enabled the university to grow and prosper.

## West Village Complex,

new student housing comprised of seven suite-style buildings, five of which are LEED-certified green buildings, built to accommodate increased enrollment.

Geisinger–Susquehanna University, a new community health clinic and student health center, built in partnership with Geisinger Medical Center, to serve the medical needs of students and Selinsgrove-area residents.

#### Writers Institute building,

home to Susquehanna's nationally recognized writing program that boasts accessible, expert faculty and a Visiting Writers Series that brings acclaimed authors to campus to give readings and engage with students.

## **Contributing Factors**

## **Reunion Scholars Reflect on Alumni Support**

Members of last year's reunion classes, from 1959 through 2004, contributed to the Reunion Scholarship Fund, which was established in recognition of Susquehanna University, It helps young people reach their full potential with the belief that higher education prepares students for lives of achievement, leadership and service.

The fund supports the education of 10 sophomores for three consecutive years, sophomore through senior years. Award decisions are based on academic performance and financial need.

"The scholarships allow reunion alumni to reflect upon their experiences at Susquehanna University and the positive impact their education has had on their lives. Many of the alumni were fortunate enough as students to benefit from the financial generosity of other SU alumni. The fund allows them to give today's students the same opportunities they had and to enjoy the successful outcomes they know can result from a Susquehanna education," says Devin Rhoads, assistant director for the Susquehanna University Fund.

"For alumni who will be celebrating their reunion, whether it is this year or another year, I hope they, too, will make a gift to the Reunion Scholarship Fund. Any gift, regardless of the size, makes a difference in a student's life," Rhoads says.

The Reunion Scholars share their sentiments about receiving the scholarships and the support of reunion alumni.



Class of 1959 Scholar Jennifer Baer

Hometown: Greencastle, Pa.
Major: Theatre, production and design emphasis

"The Class of 1959 Reunion Scholarship Fund is a blessing. It helps me with my tuition, and it is a relief to know there are alumni who care and are willing to help. This sense of family is the reason I chose Susquehanna University."



Class of 1964 Scholar Jamie Beaudoin Hometown: Harrison, M

Hometown: Harrison, Maine Major: Creative Writing

"The Class of 1964 Reunion Scholarship Fund means several things to me; in particular, it means opportunity. I am so privileged to be where I am today and to have such a great network of people behind me. To be the recipient of the reunion gift is an unexpected blessing. I am so thankful that I was given the opportunity to further my education—something no one else in my family has done before me—and to help alleviate some of the burden placed on my family to fund that education. I don't know how to fully express my appreciation for everything I we been given, but I am going to take the opportunity I we been given and I'm going to use it. I plan to learn as much as I can while I'm here, because I know these opportunities are rare and I have been truthy blessed to receive them."



Class of 1969 Scholar Allison Renninger Hometown: Palmerton, Pa. Major: Biology

"I would like to thank the Class of 1969 for their generosity. Without donors like them, I would not have the opportunity to further my education or change the world through service and volunteering. I cannot thank them enough for what they have done to help me in my efforts to continue my education and make a lasting impact on the world."



Class of 1974 Scholar

Hometown: Northumberland, Pa. Major: Business Administration, finance emphasis

"The reunion scholarship has great meaning to me personally, and I feel extremely honored to receive it. I thank the Class of 1974 for this great honor."



Class of 1979 Scholar Steven Bucsok Hometown: Stowe, Pa. Major: Creative Writing

"My family and I struggle sometimes to get by, so any support that helps with my education is gratefully welcomed. I study very hard at SU, and it is nice to know others have noticed my hard work. Susquehanna University is my second home, and I never want to give that up."



Class of 1984 Scholar Bryon Chowka Hometown: Coal Township, Pa. Major: Political Science and Sociology

"The reunion scholarship means the world to me. College can be very expensive, and all the aid is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who have contributed to making this possible for me. It is great to know there are alumni looking out for the betterment of my generation."



Class of 1989 Scholar Kenzie D'Angelo Hometown: Voorhees, N.J. Major: Bjology

"Without the Class of 1989, my education at SU would be virtually unattainable. I am both honored and relieved that I was chosen to receive the scholarship. I promise to utilize the opportunity the class has made available to me, and to make my own impact on SU I hope one day I can give someone the same chance they have given me."



Class of 1994 Scholar Ashley Gingrich Hometown: Lititz, Pa. Major: Music Education "I am honored to be the recipient of

"I am honored to be the recipient of the Class of 1994 Reunion Scholarship. I want everyone to know how appreciative I am and how much I love SU!"



Class of 1999 Scholar Kody Messner Hometown: Elliottsburg, Pa.

Major: English-Secondary Education and Theatre

"The Reunion Scholarship Fund means I can continue my educational experience at Susquehanna. As a foster child, I knew I would be unable to get myself through college without assistance, so I worked very hard in high school to get good grades and to be involved in activities. Being the recipient of the Class of 1999 Reunion Scholarship is a testament to my hard work."



Class of 2004 Scholar Janelle Nicole Van Siclen Hometown: Cranbury, N.J.

Major: Business Administration, marketing emphasis

"To me, the reunion scholarship is an opportunity to continue my education with the encouragement of SU alumni. It means a great deal to me that the Class of 2004 supports me, and I am delighted to be their scholar."

## **Alumni Notes**

## Message Board



The alumni relations staff: (left to right) Susan Kreisher, Jo di Swartz, Ingrid "Cookle" Grodem '69 Davidsen and Becky Bramer'92 Deitrick.

A decade has passed, but four alumni found ways to connect with current students in January, as we celebrated L. Jay Lemons' 10th anniversary as Susquehanna's president. Joining them were Katie Koch '02, Venus Ricks '01, Jim Dunlop '01 and Garrett Bissell '01, who, as students, helped to welcome and orient Lemons to campus during his first days on the job. They spent the day with Jay, retracing the steps he took 10 years ago by attending classes and enjoying meals with students. The day ended with a celebration in Mellon Lounge, complete with cake and sparkling cider. During the reception, Lemons was presented with hundreds of congratulatory messages from alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends.

Bissell says he loved being back on campus. "If you can find ways to lure more of us back, it would be great," he says. We were thrilled that all four were able to take time away from their jobs and families to be here with us. And, our current students were thrilled to make connections with alumni who are doing great things in the real world. From environmental law to communications, there was a range of advice and information sharing.

During one of his famous student lunches, Lemons passed his "magic wand" and asked alumni and students to answer a few question's, such as "If you were president, what is the one thing you would change?" and "How did you come to find yourself at Susquehanna University?" Although answers varied, one message came through loud and clear: "We love this place." Without a doubt, that love is nurtured through the personal connection Lemons tries to make with every student who calls Sus quehanna home.

~Becky Branner '92 Deitrick Director of Alumni Relations

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David Williams '67 has been the rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C., for in Washington, D.C., he says

Robert C. White Jr. '58 conducted a series of master classes in Mexico City in early October under the sponsorship of The Juilliard School, where he is a member of the voice faculty. In late October, he visited Lavan Robinson H's8 and Janet Robrbach '46 Robinson in Valdosta, Ga., where they are active as choirmaster and organist at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church and where Mrs. Robinson was recently ordained to the deaconate.

the past six years. After 30 years Charleston is a wonderful place to live and work. He spends his time cycling, playing the piano and writing. He published a recent article titled Cyber Bullying in Churches: A New Wrinkle in Church Life. He may return to his former career as a psychotherapist after retirement.

Willi Weichelt '60 was presented the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association's 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his dedicated service to the advancement of veterinary medicine. He was honored for his work in addressing the need for animal emergency care and rehabilitation in the Greater West Chester Pa area and his advocacy and positive role in veterinary medicine in the commonwealth.

F. Thomas Snyder III '74 was honored by St. John's Lutheran Church in Phoenixville, Pa., for 20 years of ministry as director of music. He directs three yocal choirs, two hand bell choirs, a chamber orchestra and an annual St. John's Choir & Friends group of about 55 members from 25 area churches who perform major works with orchestra. St. John's has hosted performances by the Susquehanna University Choir four times, as well as the Frontline Jazz Ensemble and the Commonwealth Brass Quintet In addition to his music ministry, Snyder is chief procurement officer for Montgomery County, Pa., a government with annual revenues and expenditures in excess

of 8500 million. Snyder and his wife. Jane, reside in Schwenksville. Pa., and are parents of two adult children. Katie and Tom IV.

Bob Carr '75 was recognized as one of the top 10 branch managers on Wall Street from Wachovia Securities in 2000. This award pays tribute to branch managers for their achievements in creating effective branch wide marketing strategies; recruiting, developing and retaining talented advisors; and providing superior client service.

Gwen Barclay '75 Toy is the director of English for academic and professional purposes in the new Center for the Global Learner at Durham Technical Community College in Durham, N.C. She also continues her part-time work with international graduate students at Duke University.

35TH REUNION

Jeff Yoder '76 and his son, Jacob, are traveling to Swaziland, Africa, in May to ride bicycles across the country to raise funds for Young Heroes, an organization that provides food and clothing to thousands of children orphaned by AIDS in that nation. Swaziland has the highest AIDS/HIV infection rate in the world. The Yoders have each committed to raising \$10,000 for the cause. For more information or to support the cause, go to www.swazichallenge.dojiggy.com/jeffyoder.

1978

Todd Morgan '78 was elected commissioner of St. Mary's County, Md., in November. He will represent the 4th Commissioner District. He joins four other commissioners responsible for the oversight and management of St. Mary's County.

Samuel Hoff '79, George Washington professor of history and political science and law studies director at Delaware State University (DSU), earned the 2010 Faculty Excellence Award for university and community service. He was cited for his leadership at DSU and in the local community. As longtime chair of the Dover (Del.) Human Relations Commission, he led the effort for passage of a slavery apology resolution by the Dover-City Council. The measure is now pending in the Delaware General Assembly, Since September 1989. he has received five faculty excellence awards from DSU, having previously been recognized for research in 1992, teaching in 1996 and 2005, and service in 2000.

The art of Phillip Compton '80 has been included on the website Egallery Space, www. egalleryspace.com. The website describes his oil paintings as "a feast for the eyes" that "draw you in with their peaceful serenity." His work can also be seen on www.phillipcompton.com. Another artist featured on this website is Dorothy Masom, Compton's art teacher at SU.

## Making a Difference in the Inner City

## Allison Baugher '08



As early as high school, Allison Baugher '08 was setting herself up for success. She says that growing up in an active church and participating in volunteer and service programs have beloed her realize that a career in public service was something she wanted to pursue.

During her years at Susquehanna, Baugher continued this dedication. She triple majored in Spanish, religion and music, and attended Susquehanna University Central America Service Adventure (SU CASA), a national award-winning service-learning course and mission trip to Costa Rica and Nicaragua taught and led by University Chaplain Mark Wm. Radecke. Then, during her senior year, Baugher applied to the highly competitive Teach for America program. Teach for America is a national organization that trains outstanding college graduates to teach in inner-city environments. The training program taught Baugher how to educate high school students who read on second or third-grade levels, and how to mentor students on issues such as bullying, domestic abuse and pregnancy.

Although Baugher is only in her third year of teaching at Ballou Senior High School in southeast Washington, D.C., she has already experienced remarkable success. She recently received the R. Robert Linowes Award for Leadership, an honor given to individuals in the Washington metropolitan area who have shown exceptional leadership abilities with little recognition.

Last year, Baugher organized and raised \$25,000 to take eight of her Spanish-speaking students to Spain. "It was the first time any of them had been on a plane or out of the country," she says. "It was an incredible experience to see them make so many new discoveries." After last year's success, Baugher has decided to take her students on a trip every year. This year, she out the \$5,000 she received from the Linowes award toward a trip to Costa Rica, and she's already starting to plan next year's trip.

Through it all, Baugher still reminisces about her Susquehanna roots. "Every person who was once a student has at least one teacher who has impacted their life, and I've had many," she says. She names Associate Professors of Spanish Wanda Cordero-Ponce and Amanda Meivell Associate Professor of Music Jennifer Sacher Wiley, Associate Professors of Religion Thomas Martin and Karla Bohmbach. and Radecke, who also serves as an associate professor of religion, among the educators who have helped guide her to where she is today. "My goal as a teacher is to have a student say the same of me. Susquehanna is a place where professors get to know each student and educate the whole student. That is the philosophy of education that was engrained in me at SU, and it quides my practices as a teacher, If you teach students how to be good students, then they will be active learners for the rest of their lives"

Charlatte Lotz is a junior creative writing major and sociology minor from Sugarloaf, Pa.

30TH REUNION

Jeff Morgan '82 was named one of the most influential 100 people in corporate governance or the boardroom for 2010 by the National Association of Corporate Directors

Special thanks to the Class of 1985 Reunion Committee for bringing about a stellar turnout at Homecoming Reunion Weekend 2010, with 45 classmates returning to campus.

25TH REUNION

Peter Arduini '86 was appointed president and chief operating officer at Integra LifeSciences Holdings Corp. He will have direct responsibility for all the company's operations, including orthopedics, neurosurgery and instruments.

Special thanks to the Class of 1990 Reunion Committee for bringing 45 classmates back to campus for a great time at Homecoming Reunion Weekend 2010.

Laurie Volpe '90 Densen received her doctorate degree in curriculum and teaching from Fordham University at Lincoln Center in August. Her dissertation examined the reading class of a student diagnosed with autism, focusing on the instructional practices utilized by the teacher. She is the special education program supervisor in Slocum-Skewes School in Ridgefield, N.I., and adjunct professor in Fordham's Graduate School of Education. She lives in Dumont. N.L., with her husband, Matt, and daughters, Elizabeth and Katie.

1991

20TH REUNION

Born to Marc and Sarah Galbraith '91 Laucks, a son, Max Teichert Michael, in November. They live in Dallastown, Pa.

1994

Born to Chris and Denise Ernst '94 Julio, a son, Luca Charles, July 20. He joins big sisters Kayla, Gianna and Serafina. They live in northern Virginia.

John "Jay" Petillo III '94 is the manager of institutional philan-thropy at AID Atlanta, the largest AIDS service organization in the Southeast. He completed his first Ironman triathlon in 2010 in Louisville, Ky. He and his wife, Kristen, and their son, Jay, live in Sugar Hill, Ga.

1995

Born to Ben and Becky Faust '95 Aller, a daughter, Malena Hana, Dec. 3. She joins big sister Emilene Sequoia. They live in Downingtown, Pa.

John Eidam '95 is a fifth- and sixth-grade science teacher at Wyoming Seminary in Forty Fort, Pa. He and his wife, Alexandra Pinder '95, live in Shavertown, Pa.

Jennifer Wells '95 Marani celebrated the release of her first novel, Magick Charm, in October. Published by Crescent Moon Press, the novel is a paranormal romance set in New Orleans.

20

15TH REUNION

Marisa Fottore '96 Bennett is the director of recruitment and marketing at the Simon School at the University of Rochester.

Ruth Bullwinkle '96 spent her summer working for the Pennsylvania Council of Churches as a chaplain at R.B. Winter State Park, near Mifflinburg, Pa., and a local campground. She received her Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in May.

Amy Peters '96 Cho and Stefanie Rohner '96 Pickard have formed The Pillow Gift Co. The company caters to today's brides who are interested in out-ofthe-box creative concepts for invitations and accoutrements for their weddings. The company also plans corporate functions and other special occasions. For more information, visit www. pillowgiftco.com.

Born to Thomas and Jennifer Shaffer '96 Tomcanin, a daughter, Teagan Elizabeth, Feb. 28, 2010. They live in Liverpool, Pa.

1997

Kevin Barley '97 recently joined Burleson Cooke's Canomsburg, Pa, office as senior counsel. Burleson Cooke is a Houstonbased energy law firm, that offer comprehensive services to the oil and gas industry, Kevin concentrates his practice in oil and gas, title and environmental and commercial litigation. Kevin resides in Gibsonia, Pa, with his wife, Amy Kastner' 97 Barley, and their 2-vera- 108 son, lack.

Born to Lee and Caroline Bradley '97 Barry, a daughter, Mia Catherine, Aug. 15. She joins big sister Avery Elizabeth. They live in West Chester, Pa.

Born to Zach and Meghan Quinn '97 Dorr, a daughter, Lillie Quinn, Oct. 1. She joins big sister Madeline. They live in Lantana. Texas.

Born to JB and Stephanie Dowling '97 Brown, a son, Maximus Xavier, Dec. 25, 2009. They live in Richmond, Va. Stephanie is a pilot for Air Tran Airways.

Born to Lou and Kelly Eastham '97 Kirby, a daughter, Lara Ellen, Nov. 15. They live in Westminster, Md.

Steven Schuler '97-see 1998, a son.

1998

Born to Gary and Jennifer Alvarez '98 Cekus, a daughter, Camdyn Luann, Oct. 12. She joins big brother Clark. They live in Bethel Park, Pa.

Born to Brian and Jennifer Mariano '98 Ersalesi, a daughter. Charlotte Elizabeth, Aug. 31. They live in Hawthorne, N.J.

Born to Scott '98 and Corey Harney-Gowan 'or Johnson, a daughter, Hannah Arroll, March 28, 2010. She joins big sister Caleigh. They live in North Wales, Pa.

Born to Krista and Roeg Williamson '98, a daughter, Aubrey Marie, Oct. 8. They live in Harrisburg, Pa.

Born to Krystina Filipiak '98 and Steven '97 Schuler, a son, Simon Ward, May 2, 2010. They live in Bear, Del.

Born to Ross and Shayna Santoro '98 Worby, a son, Miles Benjamin, Sept. 27. They live in Belmont, Mass.

1999

Scott Miles '99 married Catherine Pullins on Oct. 2 at the First Congregational Church on Nantucker Island, Mass. Miles is the senior vice president in charge of sales for LiveAuctioneers, a website that facilitates live auction bidding.

Born to Brandon and Alison Griffie '99 Parker, a daughter, Ella Grace, Feb. 16, 2010, She

## SU Alumni Prove Friendship and Business Can Mix



Ori Duek (left) and Benjamin Plum at Milk Studios in New York during a photo shoot for Evolve, an all-electric motorcycle and scooter company the business partners and friends are launching this year.

It all began in a business class at Susquehanna University, Benjamin Plum '05, Shaun Johnson '04, Ori Duek '06 and Qimeng Cao '06 were asked to form a group and develop a marketing plan for a new technology. Interested in sustainability and the concept of "going green," they wanted to come up with a plan that would benefit the environment. Their idea was simple but ingenious. After doing some research, they learned that most discarded tires are burned, releasing harmful chemicals into the air. So they came up with the idea of converting used tires into high-value commodities, such as fuel oil and steel.

Their plan didn't just fizzle out after the class ended. A couple of years after the students graduated, they decided it was time to put it into action. Plum and Johnson began a business venture that buys and builds smaller companies and executes their ideas.

One of the first small projects they worked on was Green Tire Systems, a tire recycling business reminiscent of the business plan they developed as students. Johnson and Plum, along with Cao and Duek, raised money and took over the project. The business has thrived ever since

Johnson and Plum haven't stopped at tires, however. Their company has continued to take the ideas of smaller businesses and build them up. They've also started all kinds of companies, including a wine-importing business and a business in electric scooter manufacturing.

Despite their busy schedules. Johnson and Plum stay connected to Susquehanna. Plum is a member of the New York Regional Alumni Chapter, and they both are members of the newly established alumni-student mentor program, "We are very interested in giving back to SU," Plum says, noting how Susquehanna brought the four friends together. "When you get up in the morning, it's just not the same feeling. I don't go to work," Plum says. "I get to hang out with my best friends."

Johnson agrees, saying that, typically, you have to build up a level of trust and understanding with coworkers. But with Ben, there's already that level of trust, "It's a dream come true." he says.

Charlotte Lotz is a junior creative writing major and sociology minor from Sugarloaf, Pa.

joins big brother Pierce. They live in La Vista, Neb.

Daniel Schofield '99 married Tracy Zengro, April 11, 2010. The wedding was held in Enfield, N.Y., with a reception at Taughannock Farms Inn in Ithaca, N.Y. SU alumni participating in the wedding were Joel Marshall '99 and Adam Magaletta 'oo. Schofield is the director of pharmacy solutions for Health Market Science in King of Prussia. Pa., and his wife is a human resources coordinator for the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. They honeymooned in Sayannah. Ga., and live in Glenside. Pa.

Jason Weller '99-see 2003, a son.

Special thanks and congratulations to the Class of 2000 Reunion Committee for a stellar turnout at Homecoming Reunion Weekend 2010, with 48 classmates returning to campus.

Born to Scott 'oo and Sarah Grogan 'oo Dey, a son, Brayden Scott, Aug. 16. He joins big sister Kaitlyn Edith. They live in Phoenix, Md.

Becky Kagan 'oo is employed as a veterinary pathologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Office of Law Enforcement, She works in the agency's forensics lab in Ashland, Ore., determining cause of death in protected North American species.

Born to Jeff 'oo and Katy McFarland 'oo Orlando, a daughter,

Julia Faye, Nov. 5. They live in Philadelphia.

Jennifer Perrine 'oo was awarded the 2010 Agha Shahid Ali Prize in Poetry for her latest collection of poems, In the Human Zoo. She is an assistant professor of English at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

2001

10TH REUNION

Garrett Bissell on was named a partner at Couch White LLP in its energy practice group in Albany, N.Y. He represents and advises clients on regulatory matters before independent system operators and regional transmission organizations, the New York State Public Service Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. He also assists clients in evaluating energy procurement and utility service options, and has represented clients in matters related to the siting and licensing of transmission facilities and renewable generation facilities.

Alicia Bunger 'or earned a doctorate degree in social work from Washington University, St. Louis, in August. She is now a postdoctoral fellow at the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research at the University of North Carolina at Chanel Hill.

Born to Karen Klotz 'oı and Matt Battimelli, a son, Matteo Giovanni, Sept. 20. Klotz is an assistant vice president for CIT Small Business Lending in Livingston, N.J. The family lives in Frenchtown, N.J.

Born to Jessica Mandelbaum 'o1 and Alan Lemmon, a daughter, Dylan Jade, Sept. 10. They live in lersey City, N.J.

K. Casey LoRusso'oi married James Anthony Riley on July 30 at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Moscow, Pa. Heather Young'oi Reklau was in attendance. They live in Dunmore, Pa.

Venus Ricks 'on is the director of multicultural affairs at Lebanon Valley College. Prior to that, she was the student development specialist at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She lives in Harrisburg. Pa.

2002

Kelly Grattan '02 was one of 18 Philadelphians accepted into the two-year Contemplative Leaders in Action program. She is a development associate at Gesu School in Philadelphia.

Born to Jacob and Christina Reedy '02 Guadalupe, a son, Julian Claudio, Sept. 2. He joins big sister Victoria. They live in San Antonio, Texas.

Born to Lynn and Beau Heeps
'02, a son, Logan Edward, June 7.
They live in Kempton, Pa.

Born to John '02 and Amy Harrington '02 Jezorwski, a son, Ryan John, June 29. John is a manager of biostatistics for Sanofi Pasteur in Swiftwater, Pa. Amy is an account executive in the marketing and advertising division for David's Bridal. They live in Philadelphia.

Michelle Patrick '02 joined Southwest Florida Veterinary Specialists internal medicine department in Bonita Springs, Fla.

Amy Kriebel '02 Portzline completed her Master of Science degree in nursing education from Drexel University in Philadelphia. She and her husband, Jonathan Portzline '02, live in Fleetwood, Pa.

2003

Born to Ray and Erin Herbert

'03 Hayes, a son, Benjamin Ray,
Dec. 10. They live in Danville, Pa.

Born to Carl '03 and Jody Guillemette '04 Steidel, a daughter, Lyra, June 17. She joins big brother Gavin. They live in Ithaca, N.Y.

Michael Maffel 'og graduated from a dual-degree program with a Master of Business Administration in international business from Etcole Sationale des Ponts et Chaussees in Paris, and a Master of Business Administration and Master of Science in finance from Temple University in Philadelphia. He is employed at Marks Paneth & Shron LIP in New York City.

Kate Andrews '03 Weller has joined Susquehanna's Office of University Communications as a web content manager. She and her husband, Jason Weller '99, welcomed a son, Wyatt Steven, on Sept. 17 Jason is an eighth grade science teacher at Line Mountain School District in Herndon, Pa. They live in Sclinsgrove, Pa.

2004

Ryan McGuire '04. a former men's cross country runner for SU, placed fourth at the Philadelphia Marathon on Nov. 21.

Born to Ellen Mull '04 and Nicholas Berger, a daughter, Jane Elizabeth, April 7, 2010. They live in Shamokin Dam, Pa.

Born to Justin and Melissa Bird '04 Stradnick, a daughter, Madison Renee, Sept. 24. They live in Palmyra, Pa.

2005

Congratulations to the Class of 2005 for having the largest alumni turnout at Homecoming Reunion Weekend 2010, with 62 classmates returning to campus.

Rick Counihan' os was promoted to account supervisor at Poretta & Orn. He is responsible for overseeing several key clients, as well as providing guidance to the rest of the account services group. Poretta & Orn is a marketing communications company providing strategic solutions for event and exhibit programs. Counihan lives in Dovelstown, for

Kimberly Kardos 'os married Peter Kokolus '04, Nov. 9, 2007, in Lancaster, Pa. Alumni attending were Matt Rose '05, Katie Brown '09, Scott Haldennan '06, John Pearce '06, Amy Tibok '04, Lauren Girio '06, Craig Johnson

## Alumni Notes

'06. Megan Keeley '06 Karne, Megan McGree '06 and Cathleen Jones '04 Haas. In 2006. Kimberly received her Master of Business Administration in investment management from Drexel University in Philadelphia.

Frica Lopatofsky 'os completed her first season singing with the Boston Pops. After an audition in October, Erica was accepted as a member of the Tanglewood Festival Chorus, the official choir of the Boston Symphony and the Boston Pops. She'll be singing in various concerts throughout the spring and during the Tanglewood Festival this summer.

Travis Powell '05 married Rachael Hannon on Aug. 21 at Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren. They live in Elizabethtown, Pa.

2006

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Janelle Anthony '06 was named the head field hockey coach at Centre College in Danville, Ky.

Ann Barrett '06 joined The Conservation Fund in Arlington, Va., as media relations manager.

Matthew Bowker '06 joined Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker in the management and information technology consulting group. He lives in Yarmouth, Maine.

Born to Adam '07 and Aileen Carlson '06 Dreibelbis, a daughter, Hannah Marie, Sept. 8. They live in Phoenixville, Pa.

Chrissy Carfello '06 Trescavage was appointed head women's lacrosse coach at Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pa.

2007

Rebecca Brandt '07 married Erik Clayton on Aug. 14 at Annville United Methodist Church. Rebecca is a music teacher. The couple live in Williamsport, Pa.

2008

Laura Donahoe '08 is an associate in the defense and commercial aerospace practice at Korn/ Ferry International in Washington, D.C.

Sara Luley '08 married James Baublitz '08 on Sept. 6, 2009, in Lancaster, Pa. Chris Freund '08, Ashley McConnaughay '08 Addison, Cassandra Blass '08, Sean Gessner '08, Jeff Kelly '08, Tim Storck '08 and Shane Enos' 08 were in the wedding party. Sara is employed at Lutheran World Relief, and James is an associate at Boenning & Scattergood.

2009

Katelyn Deese '09 is an assistant women's lacrosse coach at Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, Pa.

Elizabeth Rhoads '09 is the web content coordinator for the Office of Admissions at Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pa.

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## **Alumni Notes**

- 1. From Oct 21-25, 13 Class of 1967 Flends from six states—Flexa California, New Jessey, Pernoylanna, Desware and Flonda—gathered in Florida to celebrate ther 65th brindrash Flew were housed by Carole Sloan-Greeb 67 Pursell in Venezic, Carol Logan (67 Yust in Englewood and Carolyn Walher 67 Miller in Nokoms the trio included a landrone cruse in Snartost; shopping and somet wine and chese in Veneze, and the beach in Nokomis. Pictured in this photo, taken at the Miller residence in Rollomis, are, let to right, front row. Pussell, Sandot Annay, Cherry, Dak Indoor, Connie Mason, Zenda, Jan Purus Steeple, Barb Letcher Gruda, Chidy Culp Helfin, Nano Oli and Reaments Mover Knowell.
- SU alumni attended Advent Vespers, sponsored by Lutheran Theological Seminary, on Dec. 5 at Graze Epiphamy Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, Pictured are, left to right: Ruth Bullwinkle '96, Allina Gayeusk: '09, Kirstin Yought' '07, Cooke Grodem '69 Davidsen and Lynn Hassinger' '57 Askew.
- 3. Timothy Blair <sup>17</sup> Gwas recognized on the national, state and local levels of government for his outstanding lead deships, and his college<sup>1</sup> widespread achievements and ongoing commitment to excellence Blair is the dearn of the College of Visual and Performing Arts at West Chester University of Pennsylvania, He received official citations for his efforts from L.S. Senator Robert P. Caspe, if an experience of the control of the con
- 4. Alumin from the Class of 1980 enjoyed a golf outing as part of their 30th reunion celebration during Homecoming Reunion Weekend 2010. Pictured are, left to right: Jim Wegnat, Wolf Krzastek, Bran Shaw, Ed Reck, Fucker McKroy, Christore Reck, Fred Dirackoc, Chaffer Zlock, Pete Ciccaglione, Barb Soltau Ciccaglione, Eme Kempe, Lynda RMD, Gründer Barb, Gründer Ba
- Jeffrey Lesser '80 graduated from Concordia University Chicago with a doctorate of education. Lesser is the math chair at the Paul D. Schreiber High School in Port Washington, N.Y.

## **Snapshots**

- 6. Aurnimum Bahara (Alab) has become the first Bahraim company to be loted on the London Stock Exchange. Tim Murray '31 is greated imanager of finance and legal for Alab. Pictured, left to night, front row Fast Ahmed, of the Bahrain Stock Exchange, Mahmood Kooheji, chairman of Alba; Lady Lord Barrington, of the London Stock Exchange, Ahmed Al Khalifa, Bahran ambassador and Lauvent Schmitt, CEO of Alba; baba krow Murray and Alisa Neuman Hood, general Councile for Queend Councile for Alba; baba krow Murray and Alisa Neuman Hood, general Councile for Queend Councile for Mark and Mark Neuman Hood (percel Councile for Queend Councile for Mark Alisa Neuman Hood (percel Councile for Alisa Neuman Hood).
- 7. Jonathan Bingaman '96 was promoted to senior vice president of domestic cable sales at CBS Television Distribution. He lives in Redondo Beach, Calif.
- 8. Best friends from the Class of 2008 come back to campus each year to visit. Pictured are, left to right: Randi Levendusky, Sherry Langrock, Brittany Bettwy and Elizabeth Gaughan
- 9. Social Impact Inc., a Philadeipha-based, fund-to-fund comproft organization, was founded in 2010 by fire Sisspahama University graduates and former members of the men's baseteball team—David "Moose" Marshall 108, Andrew Gaebel' 108, Keyle Laird 108 and Todd Deklapoli 109. Social Impact is dedicated to mproving the lives of children by supporting and partnering with youth-based nongroff to organizations in the Greater Philadelpha area, and encouraging philamthory to a new generation of young professionals. Each year, Social Impact chooses a nongroff youth durity to sporosic, the plans and hosse severis to raise fund for that particular organization. Pictured are, left to right: Cutf. Marshall, faird and Gaebel, for more information regarding Social Impact, visit www.socialimpactinc.org or e-mail socialimpactin. Quantal companies.



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- 2. Christopher Miller '04 manied Mana Cozzi on Aug. 9, 2008, at Gozz Episcopal Church in Nutley, N.J.A reception was held after the centrony at the Arturn Country Chur Miller Miller, N.J.A reception was held after the promotion at 5e, lennifer Borman '12, Miller, Bill Bowman '15, Liny Shaughnessy' 77 Bowman (Carigh Miller '75, Katie Bowman '10, Stephen Zahaniu' 64 (googsmann), Jelf Bowman '18 (groomsman), Jelf Bowman '10, Stephen Cahaniu' 61, John Stephen '24 Willerm, Nille Boyle '04, Annie Borman '09, Pays Zahaniu' 10, John Stephen '24 Willerm, Nille Boyle '04, Annie Borman '09, Pays Shaughnessy' 59, Miller, Kratia Bowman '05, Krohp Edin' Chahaniu', Amanda Zahaniu', '07 and Kristen Hardner' 10, Not pictured but in attendance were Jared Cook '05 and Stacey Miller '14 Chridermid'. The couple currently reside in Bridgewater, N.J. Photo by Stacef Hotopaphy
- 3. Rebecca Brown '05 married Sortt Dougherty on Aug. 7 in Altonna, Ra The wedding ceremony was held at New Life Assembly of God. The reception took place at the Casino at Listemont Pair. Pictured are, left to right, back now. Broble: Leggair '05, Amy, Gilbert '06 and Sherry Largocic '06; first row. Katle Much '06. Rebecca and Rebecca Bandri '07. Rebecca cerewide Affaired Godience in demensing vasion garding and mark from Walder University, She is sexching first grade at Moshamon Valley Elementary School in Mostratible.
- 4. jared Cook '05 married Megan Miller on July 10 at the Evangelical Free Church of Hersbey's Rin Perception was Hed at the Lebanno Courty Libb in Lebanno, R. Pictured are, left to right, back row, Stephanie Eden '04 Zahanuk, Stephen Zahanuk '04, Christopher Miller '04, Stephen Willerson, Tecturer in management, Jason Rose '05 (gonomanna), Larem Moran, Tim Wilsey' '05 and Meliss of Staden '05 Meyers, front row, Toddan Cook '08 (best man), Emily Olsawsky' '07, Jared and Megan, Justin Bload '05 and sender Simplers' (St.).
- 5. Kelly Kowalczyk '05 marreed Brandon Wess on July 24 at Grazet Lutheran Church in Woodbridge, Va. The reception was held at the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Pictured are. left to night, back now Kathryn Hockerberry '04, John Shadle '056, Erin Smith '05 Shadle, Bardel Folk '05 and Erin Markel '07, front row. Nathaniel Wolfgamp-Price' '05, Lenifer Ellist '05 Spandon and Kelly Schanle corbade '05 and Dana Ward '07. Kelly is a contract specialist with the U.S. Defense Department in Quantico, Va. Brandon is an information technology consultant with IBM in Fairfas, Va. Hey live in Woodbridge, Va.
- 6. Jeff Neidert '05 married Heather Nober '07 on Aug. 14 in State Hill, N.Y. Pictured are left to right, front row. Jennifer Testa '05 and Melsisa Cicchella '05; middle row: Megan Modrafarer '07, Brian Persolks' (16, Heather and Jeff, Harbyn Clark '07, Kristin Derr' '07 Pondheri and Adam Poncheri '07; back row: Meghan Murray '07, Elisabeth Dybot' 07 Nussell, Sean Gardner '05, Chris 'Weigand' (16, Megan Clark' '09 and Stephanies Khader)' (6)
- 7. Lauren Bush "O6 married Matthew Marciale on July 3 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Leechburg. Pa Pictured are left to right, back now Assistant Director of Public Saley Don Werlick. Sky Duhom (6). Fhomas Surfield Go and Andrew Gilbert '06 Finner Surfield Go and Andrew Gilbert '06 Finner Surfield Go and Andrew Gilbert '06 Finner Surfield Surfield Good Book of Surfield Surfield Surfield Good Book of Surfield Surf

- Vought '07, Robin Kunkel '10, Bryan White '08, Pamela Doehner '05, Alyce Zimmer '73 Doehner, Carr Chrisostomou, '04, Maribeth White '10 and Sara Achenbach '07. Vought and Srian Bush were in the wedding party. White sang at the ceremony and Amy Bush presented the reading. Pamela Doehner '05 emiced the reception.
- Elizabeth Laub '06 married John Henry on March 6, 2010, in Lewistown, Pa Pictured are, left to right, back row. Amy Licata '05, Jess Natselli '06 Condon, Cordon' 06, Header (Jess Heavel)' (36, Condon' 06, Header (Litebauer '05, Selfey Report)' 16 Feyers, Steve Henviley' (36, Tara Teschko' 06, Megan Klinger' '06 Wallisch, Brent Wallisch' '07 and Todd Potes' '06, front row. Kerill Shugger '07, Andrea Schriner' '07 Bane, Elizabeth Laub' '06 Henry, Kristin Aurand' '08 Henvelver and Kristin Beccafals '07
- 9. Megna Kinger G6 married Brent Wallsch '07 on July 24. The reception was at the Seque-hama Valley County Club. Pictured and the toright: Than Testchico '06, Kristin Aurand' G16 Heeries, Stree Nervelley '06, Kelly Kinger Co., Jemife Ersans' 170, Megan and Brent, Bob Howells '07, Dave Antoniewsz' '05, Jenna Fredericks' '06. Antoniewsz, 'Bran Schmidt' (05, Sharon Hodge' '05 Sormidt, Elizabeth Laub' '05 Henry, Shalley Repert G16 Servelz and Brantie Brownan' '09.
- 10. Sandy Taylor (28 married Damry Amold (70 on Aug. 14 at the Remark Winey in New Jeesey Pictured any left to right Auck ower Pan Hoffmann (7). Matthew McDonald (18, Brann Grer 19), Alex Sweger (10, Nick Eddman (18), Lee Steiner (19, Laura Martin (18, May Staywook) (9), John Terison (7), Ashley Terison (19 and John O'Comort (7); Enriror Winchalde Damrod (B, acks Cellior (8), KAI HPrince (79), Sandy and Damry, Lauren Salvo (18, Ton McGlynn (77), Debbe Fox (77 Taylor and Basha Taylor (78).
- 11. Brittany Bunting '09 married Craig Specht '0B on July 31. The reception was held in the Evert Dining Room at Susquehanna University, with none other than maroon and orange as the wedding colors. In total, more than 75 Susquehanna alumni. faculty and staff members were a part of their wedding celebration. Pictured are, left to right, back row. Matthew Lehman 'OB, Jared Kerstetter '09 (groomsman). Brian Ross '08, David Brown, Matthew Dooley '08, Andrew Brown '09, Justin Chambers '09, Troy Zimmerman '0B, Caitlin Clouser '10 and Jonathan Subb '08 (groomsman): third row: Chris Reiland, Andrea Popp '09, Amanda Moser '09, Rob Shick '09, Victor 80ris, adjunct music faculty; Chelsey Sutkins '07 Lehman, Daniel Dicola '07, Michael Ubbens '09 ( groomsman), Eric Zeigler '02, Pam Heim, administrative assistant for university relations; Jarrod Herrold '05, Loye Gover '68 Hallden, Bonna Cafiso, adjunct education faculty; Deborah Bernhisel '7B, Mimi Rice, Senshu University program coordinator; Patricia Snyder 'B2 Schwalm, Claire Polcrack '09 (bridesmaid), Josh Smith '08 and Stephen Wilkerson, lecturer in management; second row: Jennifer Lassahn, Eric Lassahn, director of residence life and civic engagement; Jentre Deibler '0B, Travis Boop '0B, Jamie Boyce '08, Jeremy Hillyard '0B, Jackie Parkins '09, Kyle Lambert '09, Mark Lavelle '09, Alex White '09, Joe Shannon '0B, Rachel Dinbokowitz '08, Allison Zell 'OB, Kristyn Kropa '09 Ramsey, Joe Ramsey '08, Jesse Ramsey '09, Steve Maganzini "11, Andrew Steele "11, Eric Stahlnecker "10, Olivia Lemons (guestbook attendant), Marsha Lemons and Maggie Lemons (vocalist); front row: Eileen Fangmann '03, Sarah Fangmann '11, Kristina Fangmann '09 (bridesmaid), Kristin Vought '07 (bridesmaid), Maggie Bell '11 (maid of honor), Meredith Lemons (flower girl), Craig and Brittany, Leslie Irwin '09, Sarah Weller '09, Amy Markowski '09, Cassie Collier '09, Rebecca Moore '09 (bridesmaid), Keleigh Doherty '09, Jebediah Ramsey '08, Laura Lengel '09 Ramsey, Katie Grap '11, Andree Hilsher '11, Erin Dinsmore '10, Thomas Lemons, Ruth Eleanor McGorkill '43 and President L. Jay Lemons. Not pictured but in attendance were Craig Benzenberg '71, Seth Confer '14, Lore Degenstein, Krystal Duke '14, Tom Kiczula '09, Emily Phillips '14, Alex Strohm '09 and Stefanie Stutzman '96 Feidt.

## Wedding Album























## REGIONAL CHAPTER NEWS





## **PITTSBURGH**

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On March 31, the Pittsburgh chapter was pleased to host President L. Jay Lemons and a number of SU students for a combined cocktail reception and speednetworking event at The Duquesne Club in downtown Pittsburgh.

Future plans include an event at the Rivers Club Casino, a night at the theater and a Penguins Hockey outing. The chapter is currently re-surveying alumni for their input; ideas are welcome.



## **NEW ENGLAND**

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The New England Regional Alumni Chapter braved the elements in Worcester, Mass., to cheer on the Crusagers as they played Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) on Nov. 6. Following a 14-7 win, about 30 alumni, family members and friends gathered at Northworks Bar & Grille, where raffle prizes were won, new friendships made and old ones renewed.

Chapter alumni in the Waterbury, Conn., area enjoyed coming out to support and enjoy the University Choir's March 19 performance and postconcert reception there.





## WASHINGTON, D.C.

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An exoting evening was enjoyed by alumni and current students alike when the Army and Navy Club opened its doors to the SU contingent on Nov. 16 for a combined visit by President L. Jay Lemons and a speed-networking session. Although the students were advised to manage their expectations, a number of interviews and job offers resulted from the connections that were made that evening.

Plans for the year include a possible Bowie Baysox outing, Dave & Busters night and a community service event, as well as providing support for current students and parents via sporting events, the choir tour and Washington study programs.



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## **NEW JERSEY**

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Activities for the early spring combined culture and SU camaraderie. On March 6, SU alumni and their quests met in Princeton to enjoy lunch at the Nassau Inn followed by a matinee performance of The Drowsy Chaperone, presented by Rider University's Westminster Musical Theater. On April 7, alumni were joined by SU parents and prospective students for a reading by Professor of English and Creative Writing Tom Bailey, who read from his novel The Grace That Keeps This World. The gathering was held at the Raritan Valley Country Club in Bridgewater.

Future plans include informal sports outings and a fall networking event,





## CENTRAL PA

The Central Pennsylvania Regional Alumni Chapter came out in support of the Crusaders at the SU-Gettysburg football game on Oct. 30. Following the game, a small group of SU alumni gathered at the Hilton Garden Inn for refreshments and camaraderie

Chapter members in the Camp Hill area enjoyed the University Choir's performance there on March 8.

Plans for 2011 events are underway.







## **PHILADELPHA**

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Philadelphia alumni were pleased to show support for the University Choir perfor-

Excitement is in the air as the chapter looks forward to attending a May 7 Phillies game. Tickets are expected to go quickly, so register early. Plans include a pregame social, which both students and alumni are expected to attend.

The Philadelphia chapter is also re-surveying local alumni and welcomes suggestions for future events. Current plans include a comedy show, winery tour and return to the Union League.

#### James A. Blessing '63 · 1941-2011



Susquehanna University Professor of Political Science Emeritus James A. Blessing 63 died Jan. 27 at The Manor at Penn Village in Selinsgrove, Pa. We lost a great champion for Susquehanna with his passing. He was among the rare persons privileged to serve the faculty of the very institution where he himself matriculated in 1959.

Blessing was born July 29, 1941, in New Bloomfield, P.a., and graduated from Perry Iolint High School. As a student at Susquehanna University, he majored in political science and minored in history. He was a member of Pi Gamma Mu honorary society, serving as president his senior year. After graduating from Susquehanna with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1965, he earned his master's degree at American University's School of International Service in 1966.

In the fall of that year, Blessing joined the Susquehanna University faculty as an instructor. In 1970, he married the former Martha "Marty" Barker, a 1970 graduate of Susquehanna, who has ably served the university for many years as senior administrative assistant to the vice president for enrollment management.

Blessing was promoted to assistant professor of political science in 1971, to associate professor in 1977, and to full professor in 1991. He earned a doctorate degree in political science from the State University of New York at Albany in 1975.

Blessing's teaching skills were recognized early in his career with the Lindback Foundation Outstanding Teacher Award, which he received at Susquehanna University's commencement exercises in 1976.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Blessing held administrative positions at different times during his tenure. For a time in the 1980s, he served as director of the early college program and later as director of corporate and foundation relations. He was also an advisor to Alpha Lambda Delta, the freshman honorary society. Blessing's academic interests focused on advanced industrial democracy, in particular Canadian politics. He taught courses in political theory, European politics and comparative politics. He was demanding but fair, an excellent teacher who was dedicated to his students. Students and alumni often recall that it was a rite of passage to succeed in his comparative politics class. He served as chair of the political science department for many years and served on numerous committees, including the Curriculum Committee and University Council.

Blessing especially enjoyed taking students to Washington, D.C., to participate in the Mid-Atlantic European Union Simulation with about a dozen other schools. Through his dedership, Susquehanna was one of the first schools to participate, beginning in 1993.

He liked to have fun, too, and together with Professor Emeritus of Biology George Boone, organized for many years the popular Susquehanna University Golf Open for faculty, staff, alumni and friends.

The SU community will especially remember Blessing for his commitment to teaching and to students. His door was always open; he was an excellent mentor to new faculty and worked collaboratively with colleagues across campus. He was never afraid to speak the truth and to demand the best from his students and follow educations.

#### Francis R. "Rudy" Gelnett '37 · 1915-2010



One of Susquehanna University's most well-known and beloved personalities has passed on. Francis R. "Rudy" Gelnett '37 died Nov. 9 at Graysonview Selinsgrove, where he resided in recent years.

Gelnett was born Sept. 12, 1915, at McKees Half Falls. He took an interest in music at age 5 and began piano lessons in the seventh grade. As a freshman at Selinsgrove High School, he formed a five-piece band that became very popular.

While studying music at Susquehanna University, he took a five-piece band to Europe in the summers of 1935 and 1936. In a 2007 interview with The Daily Item newspaper in Sunbury, Pa., Gelnett credited Susquehanna University as the first Pennsylvania college to take music students on international tours. He said that unlike today when college students often travel abroad, during the Depression, it was "big stuff."

Gelnett taught school from 1937 to 1942 in Union City, Pa., and from 1947 to 1959 in Shillington, Pa. He served in World War II as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy, and later served in the Korean War.

After World War II, Gelnett formed the Rudy Gelnett Band, which was very much in demand, playing regional venues such as Bucknell and Penn State universities, and Rolling Green Park in Shamokin Dam, Pa. Big band music was very popular after the war until the arrival of rock-'n'-roll which "killed us," he once lamented. Nonetheless, he continued to delight music lovers as a pianist, entertaining audiences with show tunes well into his 90s. One of his favorite songs was People Will Say We're in Love from Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical Oklahomat

Gelnett will be remembered as a great friend and supporter of Susquehanna University. He played piano frequently at alumni reunion weekends and at other social events on campus over the years. In 2007, he played at the Class of 1957's 50th anniversary party at Pine Lawn. Gelnett's infectious smile and his ability to bring happiness to others through his music are sorely missed.

#### Connie Harnum · 1942-2011



Assistant Professor Emerita and SU Sports Hall of Famer Connie Harnum passed away on Feb. 4 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Harnum was born July 20. 1942, in Oriental, Pa. She served as Susquehanna's field hockey coach for 27 seasons (1974-2002), During that time, she compiled a career mark of 195-159-23 and led the Crusaders to three Division III tournament appearances while coaching no fewer than 32 First-Team All-Conference student-athletes "Connie's countless student-athletes would testify it was not

always the wins and losses one remembered; it was the way Connie developed and fostered the relationships with her players that will be remembered most," says Amy Cohen, former head field hockey coach who replaced Harnum. "Success is about leaving a lasting impression on your student-athletes by giving them the confidence to succeed in any avenue they choose after leaving Susquehanna. That is the legacy Coach Harnum left for Susquehanna field hockey, and it is one that will always be remembered and celebrated."

In addition to her field hockey coaching tenure, Harnum was the school's most successful head women's tennis coach, with a career record of 95-51-1 and two Mid-Atlantic Conference titles over her 16 seasons at the helm of the program.

She pioneered and championed women's athletics at Susquehanna and remained connected to the university after her retirement.

"Connie epitomized Susquehanna's mission," says President L. Jay Lemons, "as she achieved so much on the field of play and in the classroom, led scores of Susquehannans toward the people they would become, and served the local and Susquehanna communities in ways that are beyond description. More than anything, Connie was a friend who will be dearly missed." Director of Athletics Pam Samuelson adds that Harnum was "a model

teacher and coach to the student-athletes, but also a valued friend" Harnum, after whom SU's Female Athlete of the Year Award is

named, was also the wife of current Head Men's Golf Coach Don Harnum, who has led the men's golf program for 22 years.

Also active in the academic realm of Susquehanna, Harnum, a 1960 graduate of Middleburg High School, earned emeritus faculty status as an assistant professor of physical education and also served as assistant marshall to the faculty for 13 years. Harnum graduated from East Stroudsburg University and earned her master's degree from Western Maryland College, now McDaniel College.

#### Robert A. Pittello '51 · 1927-2011



Robert A. Pittello '51, affectionately known as "Coach Bob" by Crusader athletes and colleagues, died Jan. 6 at Pottsville Hospital. He spent parts of more than five decades working with Susquehanna's football program.

Pittello was born on April 25, 1927, in Mount Carmel, Pa., and attended Mount Carmel High School. He graduated from Susquehanna University in 1951 with a degree in business education.

Pittello began his football career at Susquehanna as the starting guard lonzo Stagg Jr. and Sr. He began his

under co-head coaches Amos Alonzo Stagg Jr. and Sr. He began his own coaching career with Susquehanna in 1953 under Stagg Jr., and went on to serve as an assistant coach with the program under five different head coaches, non-successively.

During his tenures, he helped guide SU to two undefeated seasons and three MAC Northern Division Championships. Most recently, he was a member of the coaching staff that helped lead the Crusaders to the 2009 Liberty League championship. That performance awarded head coach Steve Briggs and his staff Coaching Staff of the Year honors.

In 1985, Pittello was reunited with former SU head coach Jim Garrett at Columbia University as his assistant. He also served three years as an assistant under legendary prep coach Joe "Jazz" Diminick at Mount Carmel Area High School, his alma mater.

In 2010, Pittello completed his 19th season as an offensive line coach at SU, making him actively involved with the football program for 48 of the past 63 seasons. He was with the team as either a player or a coach longer than anyone in the history of the program and was the only player in team history to have his firety number retired. The university retired his No. 66 during the 1998 season. In 2001, the Crusaders locker room was formally named in his honor with a commemorative plague posted outside the room.

"There was not a person on Earth who met Coach Pittello who did not love him," Briggs says. "He said many times that he was never blessed to have children of his own, so God blessed him to be a football coach and have thousands of sons. He touched many, many lives as a coach for over 50 years. He was Susquehanna University and is as big a part of \$U football as any person in its history."

President L. Jay Lemons says, "Coach Bob is among the finest men I have had the privilege of knowing. He was committed to more than coaching the sport of football. Coach Bob was committed to helping young men grow and succeed not only in football, but also in life.

"On a personal level, I will miss Coach Bob very much. He was a great friend and provided wise counsel to me. During the past several seasons, before every game, we shared a hug and did the same at the end of each contest. Regardless of whether we won or lost, our words were the same. We simply said we loved one another. Coach Bob Pit-tello will be missed from the Susquehanna sidelines and from all of our lives. We are all the better for his love and devotion."

#### Allan D. Sobel · 1947-2010



Allan D. Sobel, former director of Susquehanna University's Arlin M. Adams Center for Law and Society, died Nov. 23. He devoted his career to improving access to justice in American society.

Born March 1, 1947, in Detroit, Mich., Sobel earned a Bachelor of Science in special education from Eastern Michigan University. He graduated magna cum laude from Lewis and Clark College's Northwestern School of Law in Oregon in 1977. He held faculty positions

there and at Drake University School of Law.

He practiced law for 20 years in Oregon and Michigan, primarily representing defendants in criminal proceedings and parties in professional malpractice actions. He served for three years as executive director and general coursel of the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission, a constitutionally created and independent judicial conduct organization responsible for enforcing Michigan's Code of Judicial Conduct. He also served as executive director of the American Judicature Society, an organization that seeks to improve the justice system. In 2006, Sobel was appointed Susquehanna's first full-time director of the Arlin M. Adams Center for Law and Society. His depth of knowledge about the justice system and personal enthusiasm for the center's mission created rich learning opportunities for Susquehanna students and the surrounding communities. His connections with those in the legal field helped bring well-known speakers to campus, such as U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samued Alito.

He was also instrumental in creating the Neysa C. Adams Pro Se Assistance and Mediation Clinic in the fall of 2008. The clinic offered help to the 25,000 residents of Northumberland, Snyder and Union counties who could be parties in civil proceedings but were without the ability to hire counsel

While at Susquehanns, Sobel served as a member of the Pennsylvania loint State Government Commission Committee on Wrongful Convictions and the Snyder County Criminal Justice Advisory, ful Convictions and the Snyder County Criminal Justice for All's on Susquehanna University's 12,000-water radio station, WSUs-FM, and frequently penned articles for national, state and local publications. He served as Admiss Center director until 2009, when his fillness made it impossible for him to continue working. His work will positively impact the university for many years to corne.



#### Donald E. Wissinger · 1926-2011

Susquehanna University Trustee Emeritus Donald Eugene Wissinger passed away Feb. 5 in Venice, Fla. Wissinger gave so much to SU as a student-athlete, alumnus, faculty and staff member, parent, and friend. His legacy touches nearly every corner of our community.

A native of Altoona, Pa., Wissinger graduated from Altoona High School in 1944 and enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in the Asia-Pacific theater during World War II until his honorable discharge in 1946. He then attended Susquehanna University, where he played baseball and football, and earned the nickname "The Toe" for his prowess as place kicker. He claimed that one of his greatest honors was to have played football under the "Grand Old Man of Football" Amos Alonzo Stagg Sr., and his son, Amos Alonzo Stagg Jr., who co-coached at Susquehanna.

He graduated from Susquehanna in 1950 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics. The following year, he married Flora Marie "Flossie" Barnhart of Claysburg, a 1951 graduate of SU, and moved to West York, Pa., where he taught high school mathematics and coached football, basketball and baseball. He received his master's degree in education from Penn State University, then returned to Susquehanna, where he taught in the Department of Education and supervised student teachers in science and mathematics from 1959 to 1969. He also served as Susquehanna's alumni director.

Wissinger was pursuing a doctorate degree at Penn State and had completed all but his dissertation when he left academia in 1960, and moved back to Altoona to join his parents in the grocery store business. He was instrumental in the growth of the Wissinger grocery business from one to five supermarkets in Blair County before the business was sold in 1989.

Wissinger served on Susquehanna's board of trustees since 1978, and as an emeritus member since 2004. He was honored with the SU Alumni Service Award in 1984 and served on the Alumni Parents Admissions Network, as vice-chair of the SU2000 Campaign, and on the board's Major Gifts Committee, among others. In 1990, the Fisher Science Hall

atrium was dedicated to the Wissingers, and in 1997, the couple established the Donald E. and Flora Barnhart Wissinger Humanities Fund, which supports humanities-based education at Susquehanna by providing for library resources, multimedia equipment and faculty development funding. With four SU alumni among their six children, the Wissingers have also contributed to the E.E. Wissinger Family Scholarship Fund, established by his parents and awarded to SU students, primarily from Blair County, who demonstrate financial need.

Wissinger was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, where he taught Sunday school, enjoyed singing in the men's choir and served as president of the church council. Through the years, he was active in many community organizations, including the Hollidaysburg YMCA, the Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries, the Blair County Endowment Foundation, the United Way and the Blair Concert Chorale board. He served as president of the Blair County Chamber of Commerce and the Hollidaysburg Rotary, where he received the Paul Harris Fellow Award. He was presented with numerous other honors, including the 2002 Blair County Philanthropy Award. He was also on the board of First Commonwealth Bank.

President L. Jay Lemons says Wissinger "was truly 'Mr. Susquehanna' for the past 50 years in the Holidaysburg/Altoona region. He and Flossie have been great champions for the university."

Wissinger is survived by his wife of 59 years, Flossie '51; their six children, Scott Wissinger '76, Donna Wissinger '78, Jane Wissinger '81, Janice Meadows, Brenda Conway and Diane Hodgson '84; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson; and all the family, friends and associates whose lives have been enriched by his kind spirit and generosity.

# Deaths

Helen Hisdorf '38 Dauberman, Jan. 18.

George Herman '41, Sept. 8, McMinnville Ore.

Elinor Stitt '44, Dec. 18, West Manchester Township., Pa. She began her secondary school teaching career in Elizabethville, Pa., before returning to her birthplace to serve the students of the Hannah Penn Jr. High School, now the Hannah Penn Middle School, in York. Pa. Stitt's fondness for travel, both within and beyond the boundaries of the continental United States, was exceeded only by her love of music. She was a faithful member of the St. James Lutheran Church in West York for more than 80 years. Her church service included singing in the church choir and serving as a member of the Lutheran Church Women and Sunshine Workers. She was honored with membership in the Sigma Alpha Iota Music Fraternity, and was a member of the National Education Association. the Pennsylvania State Education Association and the York County Chapter of Pennsylvania School Retirees.

Richard D. Moglia '47, Sept. 21, Manasquan, N.J. Moglia was a sales manager for June Foods in Secaucus for 40 years before retiring in 1986. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was past president of the North Jersey Boosters-Purveyors.

Robert Wohlsen '48, Nov. 22, 2009. Wohlsen served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and worked in marketing at Dun & Bradstreet. He is survived by his brother Donald Wohlsen '50.

Nancy Everett '49 Hoover, May 17, 2010, Blue Bell, Pa. Hoover was employed as a medical secretary for 33 years before retiring in 1996. She was a founding member of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, currently Emmans Road Lutheran Church in Levittown

Pa., where she was active with the choir and the worship and music committees. She is survived by her husband. Robert Hoover '49

Ella Fetherolf'49 Raup, Feb. 17, 2010.

John Buffington '50, Dec. 21, Bergenfield, N.J. Buffington was a WWII veteran who served in Saipan toward the end of the war. After leaving the military, he graduated from Susquehanna University and became a teacher in Bergenfield, N.J., and later an elementary school principal in Maywood, N.J. He also attained a master's degree from Rutgers' Graduate School of Education. Buffington retired in 1993 and began the next phase of his active life, which included volunteering at the Center for Food Action, Alternatives to Domestic Violence and the Central Unitarian Church, John's many interests included family, photography, reading, the arts and travel. He was also considered a good handyman.

John C. Bunke Sr. '56, Sept. 2, Wilmington, Del. He retired from J.P. Morgan after 30 years. He is survived by his wife. Charlotte Meerbach '56 Bunke, a daughter, two sons and seven grandchildren.

Gary K. Schroeder '57, Dec. 22, Phoenix. Schroeder played football under Amos Alonzo Stagg Ir. He began his sales career at the Joseph Horne Co. in Pittsburgh. He later moved to Monroe, Mich., where he served for 15 years as executive vice president of sales and marketing for La-Z-Boy. He was responsible for making La-Z-Boy a household name and attracted the talents of Joe Namath, Don Shula, Jim Backus, Alex Karras and Bo Schembechler as spokesmen for the company. He served as president of the National American Furniture Manufacturers in 1974 and 1975. In 1977. he became executive vice president of Kroehler Furniture Co. in Naperville, Ill. In 1981, Gary and Jerome Schottenstein became partners in the Kroehler Chair Co., located in Newport, Tenn., for several years. He eventually moved to Arizona, where he worked for the Philip Bell Co. and Artesan Home Furnishings,

Leroy Miller '59, Oct. 9, Hershey, Pa. Miller retired from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1979. He is survived by his daughter, Stephanie Miller '90 Patton, and a niece, Erica Allen '95 Black.

Audrey Kellert '62 Yeingst, June 3.

Robert Luth '66, April 28, 2010, Denver. Luth had more than 40 years of innovative, senior-level executive experience in the financial, operational and administrative environments of domestic and foreign companies, ranging from startups to Fortune 100s. He worked in a variety of industries, including software, systems integration, computer storage, telecommunications, office products, cosmetics and fragrances, and consumer electronics. A humanitarian always willing to help others, Luth donated his body to melanoma research. A foundation for melanoma research is being established in his name. He is survived by his nephew, Thomas Young '94.

Arline Davis '68 Burbank, May 7, 2010, Jackson, Wyo.

M. I. Funk '68 Shashok, Oct. 14. Norwich, Conn.

David D. Dagle '73, Dec. 22, Selinsgrove, Pa. Dagle's business career was in manufacturing accounting, where he formed many lasting friendships.

Dagle excelled in all sports, particularly football, basketball, baseball and golf. He and his teammates formed a strong bond from his days in Selinsgrove schools to Susquehanna University and later the Bucknell Golf Club. Their friendship remained strong throughout the years and inspired him in his final battle with amyotrophic

lateral sclerosis (ALS), better known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Dagle was an ardent fan of the New York Yankees and the New York Giants. Sports was not the most important thing in his life but rather the thing that taught him how to live his life. He learned to play with skill and determination while forming a relationship with his teammates. He learned that every position he played in life was important and fun. His competitive spirit inspired his teammates and opponents in all of his endeavors.

Wayne Ciccarelli '76, Nov. 21, Irwin, Pa, Ciccarelli was employed as a nuclear chemical engineer by Westinghouse Electric Co. He loved karate and mountain climbing

Michael Loos '76, Nov. 6, Branchville, N.I. Loos worked as a customer service representative for Suburban Propane. While living in Glen Ridge, N.I., he worked as a civil service officer for the Glen Ridge Police Department, A member of the Branchville (N.J.) Presbyterian Church, he was also a member of the Camouflage Band, stationed at the Branchville American Legion.

David A. Ross '76. Oct. 13. Hilton Head Island, S.C. Ross operated Innovative Landscapes on Hilton Head Island. He is survived by his parents, Samuel '54 and Dorothy Apgar '53 Ross.

Kenneth Slocum '76, Sept. 23, Reading, Pa. Slocum spent most of his life in sales and was recently employed in the resource department at CareerLink in Reading.

Elizabeth Gent '76 Wallace, Sept. 29, Amherst, Mass, Wallace was a former vice president at Chase Manhattan Bank in New York

Sally Zapp '79 Showalter, Oct. 20, Quakertown, Pa. Showalter worked at the Penn Foundation in Sellersville.

Pa., where she provided counseling and support. She previously was an activities worker at Luther Crest, Kirkland Village, Phoebe Home and Lehigh Center senior-living homes and communities. She also served as activities director at Devon House

Donald Krupka '80, Jan. 7, Oradell, N.J. He is survived by his wife. Beth Anne Black '81 Krupka.

Mark W. Englert '81, Sept. 2, Chapel Hill, N.C. Through most of his adult life. Englert worked with his brothers at Material Handling Technologies Inc. He had recently started his own Internet sales husiness

Vicki Hanlon '83 McDanal, Sept. 14, Lusby, Md. McDanal worked as an editor for Launch Space magazine.

Theresa Riegel '91, Sunbury, Pa., Sept. 10. Riegel was a substitute teacher for many years in the Shikellamy School District.

Marisa Palladino '92 Donati, Franklin Lakes, N.I., Nov. 22. Donati was the director of strategic marketing for PHH Corp. in Mount Laurel, Pa. She is survived by her brother, Pete Palladino '90.

Deborah Cover Lewis, Bethesda, Md., Nov. 22. Lewis was the wife of Susquehanna University Trustee William A. Lewis Jr., deputy director of the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Civil Rights and Diversity. She was a 1971 graduate of Penn State's School of Journalism with a degree in advertising. She taught advertising at the University of Maryland and Howard University, and lectured at Johns Hopkins University. Lewis established her own media buying service, Media Vision, in 1990 in Bethesda

Loene M. Kiser Gettig, Feb. 5, Millheim, Pa. Born Nov. 12, 1927, in Angola, Ind. Gettig married Trustee Emeritus

William A. Gettig H'03 on June 2, 1948. She was vice president and CFO of Gettig Technologies Inc., established in 1952, in Spring Mills, Pa. Over the years she helped the company grow into Michigan and Indiana. With her husband, she established scholarship endowment funds at Penn State University, Susquehanna University and Tri-State University, now Trine University in Angola, Ind.

# **End Notes**

# High School Term Paper Turns Challenge for College Life

By Megan McDermott



Sociologist and best-selling author James Loewen has A habit of turning common knowledge on its head. His most popular book, Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Tour American History Texthook Got Wrong, exposes supposed facts as mere oft-told fables and shines light on the truths, too often glossed over to maintain biased, bland historical narratives.

I was assigned the book for Advanced Placement U.S. History the summer before my senior year of high school. Not all the facts or falsehoods stuck with me, but Loewen's desire to overhaul the teaching of history did. He wanted students investigating, interpreting, discovering, history wasn't

something he wanted students to memorize, but rather, do.

Familiarity with Loewen's book led me to hear him at Susquehanna's Alain Leroy Locke Lecture in November, sponsored by the Center for Diversity and Social Justice. Loewen's speech packed Faylor Hall. His topic, titled *The Most Important* Fra in American History You Never Heard of, and Why It's So Important, covered the nadir of race relations from 1890 to 1940, a time of the Ku Klux Klan, lynching and construction of Confederate monuments.

Lowen claimed that the Neo-Confederates won the Civil War during this time. His lecture proved that ideological victory can be even more powerful than a militaristic one. Sundown towns, all-white towns that barred minorities after dark, embodied this terrifying power. In one of the most chilling examples, Tulsa, Okla, attempted to drive out its black population by having airplanes drop dynamite on black communities in 1921. Lowen found 504 sundown towns just in his home state of Illinois. To this day, sundown towns are impacted by their history and severely lack diversity.

Though Loewen's research appears extensive, he requires more if he hopes to pirpoint all the sundown towns across the country. He encouraged the audience to find sundown towns on their own and aid with their recovery. Loewen's three-step plan for such towns—admit, apologize and never repeat—sounds simple enough, but the task itself is intimidating.

What I am quick to dismiss as impossible, Loewen viewed as something all audience members, including me, were capable of accomplishing.

During the  $\tilde{Q}$  & A session, he lamented the failings of history education, saying, "We're teaching twigs." The implication was that we need to move beyond glancing at twigs and get our hands dirty shaping the historical landscape.

Overall, the passion and philosophy of Lies My Teacher Told Me were personified in its author. And perhaps that personhood points to a major difference between college and high school. In high school, I read this man's words. He was another book, a summer assignment. But in college, he stood in front of me. He was a person, a wibrant being with a lot to say to his audience and just as much to ask of them.

My freshman year at Susquehanna confronts me with the same proposition Loewen did in his lecture: do more.

In high school I created a portfolio of short stories and poems with the help of a great teacher. In college, my Introduction to Fiction class with Professor of English and Creative Writing Tom Bailey required me to push my fiction to the next level, to re-haul and rethink rather than merely revise, and to write pieces of more complexity and substance. In high school history classes, analyzing primary documents was expected and practiced. Such analysis became even more essential when taking Latin America, 1492-1825, here at Susquehanna. In this class, I was held to a higher standard of depth, insight and intelligence. High school journalism courses provided interviewing and writing experience, but my assistantship working for Susquehanna Currents has made me more disciplined in improving these skills. Even student activities I've joined ask me to step up my game. For instance, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and Lutheran Student Movement challenge me to grow in my faith.

Just as history shouldn't be sugarcoated and simplified, neither should any aspect of college life, academic or otherwise. This year is a year of peeling away any leftover sugary layers. This year is a year of being asked to do more. And hopefully, this year is a year of my meeting that challenge—though I'm not promising any historical discoveries just yet. —

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# **HOMECOMING REUNION WEEKEND 2011 SEPT. 16-18**

Afternoon football, a late-day parade and activities for the entire family await you this September for an early Homecoming Reunion Weekend. Saturday evening will feature several events, including a concert by the Department of Music, a hospitality area to catch up with friends and a concert by the Badlees in the all-alumni tent. There will be opportunities to tour campus and to visit with faculty, Stay until Sunday for the annual alumni awards banquet.

This year, we will be celebrating the reunion classes of 1951, 1959, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006 and 2011.

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The unique backgrounds of faculty, staff and students bring diversity of thought and depth of experience to the campus community.



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Familiar faces are the art and soul of the Lore Degenstein Gallery.



# Mr. Little's Very Large Life

Alumnus composes and conducts his way to the top of the short list for up-and-coming artists.

# The First Word

By L. Jay Lemons, President



The past 25 years have been marked by a period of extraordinary change and development for Susquehanna. We have experienced tremendous growth in enrollment, faculty and staff appointments, academic programs and facilities. In 2000, Susquehanna found itself elevated into the company and competition of the national liberal arts colleges, leaving behind a long run of recognition as the top liberal arts college in the North. In the mid-1990s, an important decision was made: Susquehanna could be stronger if we increased our enrollment over time. The decision prompted an intentional period of modest growth, which began in the latter part of the decade and continues today. To support our continued growth, and most importantly, to retain and strengthen the special characteristics of the Susquehanna student experience, more than 40 new faculty positions were created; new student housing and academic buildings were built, and a new

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community amid the growth and change. The faculty continues to provide students with a highly personalized education, and people still greet one another when their paths cross on campus—although the ubiquitous cell phones do make it more challenging. At the same time, the diversity of thought and experiences that

enroumer community in exciting at 1 ways. (See cover story, pp. 4)

Amid the new buildings and new faces, the most profound improvements at Susquehanna can be credited to the new Central Curriculum. Introduced in 2009-10, it retains the qualities and elements of a traditional liberal arts education, emphasizes essential skill development, and, more innovatively, stresses the acquisition of cross-cultural competence. The work to review, revise, re-imagine and redesign curriculum is often slow, frustrating and frequently full of teeth gnashing on college campuses. For our faculty, the conceptualization of the new curriculum has been a rich activity that has engaged the whole community in considering the learning goals we have for all students. I am very proud of our faculty and grateful for their vision and effort.

The momentum Susquehanna has enjoyed is to be celebrated. Our achievements are all the more precious for having been achieved largely during the deepest recession our country has experienced in 80 years. For the more tuition-dependent colleges and universities, like Susquehanna, the effects of decliming family income, loss of equity in real estate and sustained high rates of unemployment have created great challenges for our students families, leading to increases in institutional financial aid and reductions in operating funds.

In the face of such trials and the most common response is retreat. Thankfully Susquehanna's Board of strength and financial muscle developed during the past 25 years, might allow the university to approach this new cra differently.

In the same week of September 2008 when the credit markets froze, Susquehanna finalized a debt issue that provided a portion of the resources necessary to construct a new science building, renovate another major academic facility and build new residence halls. These capital improvements were

faculty, staff and trustees was to stay the course.

We were also confronted with the decision about whether we would proceed with planned faculty searches. These faculty positions were critical in fulfilling the requirements of the Central Curriculum. Again, the board determined that we should persist in our plan, placing a priority on the learning of students through these exceptional investments in our academic program.

In addition to mounting a strong offense, there are many ways that we are playing defense. Reductions in administrative and general operating costs continue, and sacrifices have been required of every unit and employee of the institution. We are seeking greater efficiencies in all university processes, working to lower energy costs, and implementing a disciplined approach to the review of all open positions.

Although Susquehanna remains focused and committed to the investment necessary to sustain the Central Curriculum, we know that there is much work ahead. The challenges of providing for the increased costs of the Global Opportunities (GO) program and the other investments associated with the Central Curriculum are financial stressors for Susquehanna. But supporting the new curriculum is one of our highest strategic priorities because it is the Keystone for providing transformational learning experiences to our students.

As we begin a new academic year and the headlines are filled with signs of continued and renewed economic challenges, I continue to be grateful to all of our alumni and friends whose support is significantly responsible for our momentum, along with dedicated faculty, staff and trustee colleagues who all work to support the university's mission. We are continually strengthened by the voices, vision and generosity of all in the Susquehanna family, and this provides confidence and assurance that the outstanding and innovative educational vision of our faculty will serve our students for generations to come.



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Come back to Susquehanna University Sept. 16–18 for a SUper Homecoming Reunion Weekend. In keeping with the university theme for the 2011–12 academic year, Fear, we'll provide enough thrills and chills to bring tons of excitement to

for you to connect with friends and classmates, professors and mentors.

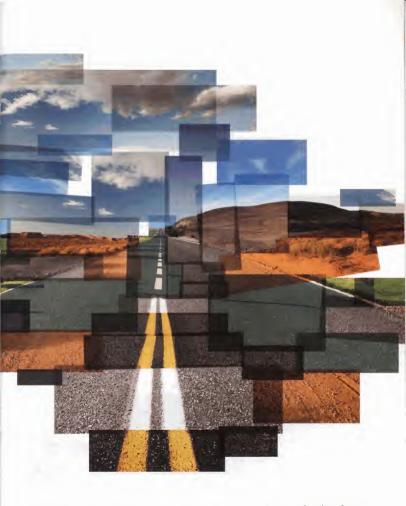
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SUBJULTANCE THE previous 10 years bore witness to an increase in student enrollment, faculty and staff appointments, facilities and academic programs. The reach of our reputation is expanding and bringing greater diversity of thought, backgrounds and

identities to Selinsgrove. Our university has always been an institution composed of established and respected faculty with the goal of graduating bright students eager to engage the world. But what are members of the faculty and staff doing beforehand that qualifies them to join our community? And where do these eager students come from? The answer is surprising for some, especially for those just joining our Susquehanna family. It is not often assumed that a small, sociable town on the banks of the Susquehanna River could be home to such an accomplished population. But it is. As our sphere of influence grows, job searches and student recruitment strategies cast all arger net.

# SUSQUE HANNA

By Jenny Ruth Hawbaker '04



IN 2000, Susquehanna was in a good position. We were toward the end of a multiyear run atop U.S. News & World Report's list of best liberal arts colleges in the north. Prospective students and employees were traveling from farther and farther away to check out our humble, unassuming school in rural Penneylvania. Enrollment was strong. Things looked good. But they could always be better. President L. Jay Lemons came on board, and it was obvious the demand for a Susquehanna education was outmatching the capacity. A plan of sustainable growth for both population and facilities was put into place. Ten years later, we're in a different place.

The faculty has increased by more than 40. There are 600 more students on campus. Walking along Kurtz Lane, commonly referred to as "the Path," campus looks active and busier than ever. A school once thought of as a regional college is now home to students from 37 states and 13 countries.

Surprisingly, Susquehanna is still very much the same place. People hold doors open for each other. The gingko berries fall every year and unite students in commiseration over the smell. Squirrels still roam campus, popping out of trash cans and eating food scraps on the lawn of Charles B. Degenstein Campus Center. The turkeys are still juicy at Thanksgiving dinner when President Lemons cuts into them. And first-year students still believe the rumor that campus rules are suspended on Spring Weekend.

No matter what roads are traveled on the way to Susquehanna, the reasons driving people here are still the same. Pirst and foremost are our exceptional faculty and academic programs. The core substance of the university wields a gravitational pull that keeps Susquehanna competitive in the college marketplace. It was strong enough to pull Associate Director of Cross-Cultural Programs Maria T. Finch away from supporting international causes by working for a nongovernmental organization (NiGO). "I have a passion for getting Americans out into the world, genuinely connecting them with cultures different from this cour," she cause.



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It was another

Writing Glen Retief to Susquehanna. He grew up in rural South Africa in a village for staff members of Kruger National Park. "After high school I went to college in Cape Town and purposely avoided living in rural areas for my whole adult life. When I drove to

It's people like Finch and Retief, drawn by the who replenish the system, strengthening that which attracted them. Retief was one of the first faculty members to support GO, spending more than a year This winter he traveled with students to Cape Town and a traditional Xhosa village, exposing them to new sharing his own experiences growing up under the

of Lesotho, Finch first worked for a small business that placed



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While Retief uses his life experiences to build a program that directly benefits students at the university, he also used those experiences to write a book that influences the status of Susquehanna as a whole. The lack Bank has been reviewed in national publications, all of which mention that he teaches at Susquehanna. Exposure like this can be easy to see and hard to measure. What we do know is that a professor attracted to Susquehanna by its high-caliber academic programs, competes the circle by loggestating the very regulation of those programs.

While academic programs may be the most obvious reason people come to Susquehanna, another is less easy to define but equally as strong. When asked "why Susquehanna," students point to the campus's beauty, the small bake sizes and the promise of personal attention and success. Often they talk of a campus visit during which they was class being conducted on the Smith Hall awn, felt a louch of educational romanticism and decided Susquehanna was like steeping into the vision their mind conjured whenever they thought "college." Part of this ideal includes the area surrounding Susquehanna. The Selinsgrove area and the Susquehanna Valley set the stage for people's idea of the authors extracted and the Susquehanna Valley set the stage for people's idea of



It was these very elements that brought Assistant Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences Ahmed Lachhab to Susquehanna. Lachhab is a hydrologist. He believes water is the future. It is a natural resource that is filtered and clean. He teaches students to discover where it comes from, how it moves and what we can do to keep it free of contamination. The work is important.

More than 50 percent of Americans drink groundwater. "At Susquehanna, we're surrounded by one large outdoor lab," says Lachhab. "We have almost any kind of water system available to us—streams and creeks, wetlands and marshes, and, of course, the river. They are all part of the watershed for the Chesapeake Bay. The work we do has an impact on the local area and all areas downstream."

But it's not just water that brought Lachhab, originally from arid Morocco, to Susquehanna. "I teach at Susquehanna because the size of a class matters. I have a maximum of 14 students in every course, so I can work closely with them in the classroom and in the field."

Lachhab came to America to attend Drexel University and then the University of Iowa for for graduate degrees. He was one of 15 to 17 teaching assistants in lecture classes that numbered 500 or more. The quality of teaching is better in an environment like Susquehanna's. I like to prepare my students—both for future employment and for graduate schools—by challenging them. I want them to learn through a variety of research tools so they are confident and prepared to perform more advanced work:

What drew Lachhab to Susquehanna is similar to that which pulled Katsuhiko "Ken" Kayama '13. A native of Tokyo, Kayama came to America to attend the Solebury School in New Hope, Pa. When it was time to look for a college, he wanted similar student-faculty relationships, athletic opportunities and natural



surroundings similar to those he enjoyed in boarding school. And a good business program. Whether he's building his business acumen in the classroom or flexing his muscles on the playing field, Kayama enjoys the area and all it has to offer. "I love the fact that this place has great nature. That's something I don't get much in Tokyo," Kayama says. But it's not all about the environment.

Kayama is studying outside his homeland because he wants wider exposure to the world, something he'll be doing much more of this year when he takes part in the Sigmund Weis School of Business's London Program. "I'll be living in London, and learning about international business while traveling Europe with my friends and an SU faculty member," he explains. Being so far from home is manageable with the kind of close relationships Kayama has formed with his classmates, teammates and professors. Wherever he ends up after graduation, Susquehanna will always be with him.

Of course, you don't have to come from another country to be far from home. Amanda Chase' 14 came to Susquehanna from the suburbs of San Diego. And while she always wanted an East Coast, red-brick college covered in leafy trees, she also shared one more important condition for choosing a college: financial aid. Like more than 90 percent of the students on campus, Chase receives financial aid that brings to fruition the dream of a Susquehanna ducation. "The Pounders Scholarship I received wasn't the only reason I came here, but it is a huge help and gives me the freedom to concentrate on academics and explore what I'm interested in," says Chase, who also considered Franklin & Marshall, Gettysburg, Lafsyette, Lehigh, Abrieth and Alleshend wdirn her college seater.

Chase's interests include the English major, the new editing and publishing minor, serving as digital media editor of The Crusader, and the Susquehanna Valley. "The farmland around here is amazing, And although I'm far from home, I've explored the area with friends and through service projects," she says. Chase stays busy through her participation in Habitat for Humanity, SU Dance Corps, the Literature Club and Intervaristy Christian Fellowship, which sent her to Washington, D.C., for an immersion program involving service projects and learning activities focused on bonelessness.

She'll also study abroad through SU's London Program at Regent's College. "I'm getting to do all these things I've always dreamed of doing."

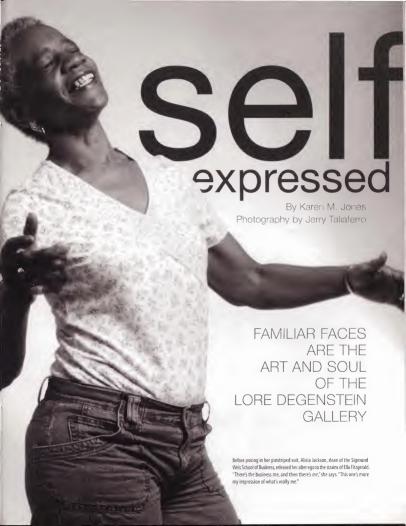
For students like Chase, "all these things" can vary, but the song often carries the same tune: They stumble upon something unique at Susquehanna and then discover a whole new world. For Chase it was the unexpected deliting and publishing minor. "I want to be an editor, and the minor takes us from Gutenberg to the modern digital text revolution." That coursework led her to the Forum for Undergraduate Student Editors (FUSB), housed at Susquehanna. The experience she gained with FUSE led to her internship this summer at Sunbell Publications, a small publishing firm outside 5 san Diezo.

While Chase works hard to achieve her success, it is the financial support that allowed her experience to happen in the first place. "I definitely made the right college decision. I was meant to be here," she says.

For Chase, like so many others, the roads of her life led to Susquehanna. With the help of the Susquehanna community, roads will continue to lead to Selinsgrove for many more years to come. ~

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Alicia Jackson, dean of the Sigmund Weis School of Business, took her business suit. "I was reluctant," Jackson says. "I'm not much for photos. But it was fun, very relaxed."

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"This was an incredibly affirming experience, and an opportunity to create community while celebrating and embracing the strength and beauty of the black woman," says Armenta Hinton, assistant director and coordinator of multicultural leadership for Susquehanna's Center for Diversity and Social Justice, who not only helped organize the local subjects but posed herself, with daughter Jennifer.

Creating community by bathing it in admiring light seems to be the Lore Degenstein Gallery's most artful work. Alicia Jackson knows that light. "I felt honored to be among women who are so gorgeously beautiful in many ways," she says." [felt like I was part of a tribe."—

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# Gallery Gives Students a Venue for Their Work By Karen M. Jones

In the Lore Degenatein Gallery, masterful works by Dall and Wahdu cassonally give way to contributions by faculty and students from the departments of art, therate and modern languages. Every spring, the walls come alive with the work of senior graphic designers and student or artists, at radiition known as I'm Semior Show, Last year's exhibition featured the work of 15 seniors who not may presented their ads. Igops, preskage designs, magazine layouts and studio art, but also managed the details of the show.

"Displaying student work in the gallery offers students the opportunity to gain real-world experience in a professional museum setting," says Mark Fertig, associate professor and chair of the Department of Art "For The Senior Show," the students work as a team to develop and hang their exhibition, which is entirely their own, and they gain practical skills in the ways artists and designers present themselves to the public."

"The gallery is a legitimate venue [for students] to display art, and because it's [of] the university, there is something about it that people definitely respect," says: Caleb Heisey 11, a graphic design graduate now pursuing a Master of fine Arts degree at Temple University's Tyler Shood of Art. "This gallery incorporates not only work that has been done by students, but work that features students. Actually seeing your friends in a painting or a photograph is so different from going to a gallery and seeing artwork of people you don't know."

The "Warhol and His Imitators" exhibition provided another opportunity for students to show off their talents. Graphic design students applied their talents and digital tools to create works for the show that imitated the style of Warhol's silkscreen prints.

"I was ecstatic when I first saw my work on display," says Ben Ross '12, a graphic design major who used Photoshop to create a Warhol-inspired Polaroid piece. "I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to be able to express my work in the gallery," by nick diulio

# III. LITTLES

very large life



Is the early summer sun finally gives up its fight, the light outside David Little's cozy downtown Manhattan office in New York's Tribeca neighborhood turns from the bruise purple of late afternoon to the melancholy sapphire of early evening. It's a transition of color one might be inclined to associate with the young composer's music—inevitable, hypnotizing and just a little bit haunting.

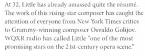
Taking his cue from the light, Little looks at the clock on his computer. It's just after 8 p.m., and he's now resigned to missing the first few minutes of his friend's show, which is beginning somewhere uptown just as we start wrapping up the interview.

"Some of my composer friends and I joke that we're living the dream," says Little with a laugh. "You know you're living the dream if you can never see your friends' shows, you're tired all the time, and somehow you're still broke." He pauses again for a hearty laugh before adding, "I'd love for things to slow down, but not too much. Even though things have been heetic over the last two years, I know that's a good sign."

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Last year, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra performed his 2002 piece Screamer!, and in September, the orchestra will premiere the commissioned piece Charm. Third Coast Percussion premiered one of his most ambitious works to date, Haum of Last Nightfall, last year in Chicago. In June, Newspeak—the amplified, cutting-edge, politically minded eight-piece ensemble Little founded—performed his gripping wartime opera, Soldier Songs, at the International Festival of Arts and Ideas in New Haven, Conn. And since November, the 2000 Susquehanna alumnus has been the executive director of MATA, an influential nonprofit, founded by Golden Globe winner Philip Glass, that showcases the work of young composers at a four-day festival held each spring in New York City. Oh yeah. And he also earned his doctorate degree from Princeton University in May.

"Finding time to compose is getting harder and harder," says Little, who is currently booked with commissioned pieces through 2013. Again, he's not complaining. "I am actually living the dream."

The seeds of Little's dream were actually sown quite simply at the age of 15, while he was watching Tim Burton's animated feature *The Nightmare Before Christmas*.

"I was completely swept away by the score of that film, and when I walked out I thought, 'That's it. I'm going to be a composer," Little recalls. Learning back in a shaky swivel chair, dressed in unassuming jeans and a slightly wrinkled black military-style shirt, he runs his hands through thick, curly hair, smirking now at the clarity and simplicity of it all. "In an hour and 10 minutes, my life completely changed."

Little says the film's odd score, composed by longtime Burton collaborator Danny Elfman, "seeped

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into my brain and soul," and for the first time it occurred to the young man from Blairstown, N.J., that he could actually make a living as a composer.

Little had dallied in music before then, occasionally banging on his father's basement drum set as a child and founding a high school rock band. But they were only dalliances. After hearing Elfman's score in the dark of that New Jersey theater, however, Little immediately drove to the record store, bought the film's soundtrack, and hasn't looked back since.

"The score was this weird, dark, awesome thing," says Little. "The score that changed everything."

Having received both music and academic scholarships, Little enrolled at Susquehanna as a music education major in 1998, a concentration he would eventually change to percussion performance after realizing he wouldn't "starve and die in the streets without a music education degree."

Little says his peers and professors at the university—all of whom were far more familiar with music theory and classical compositions rich and varied history—immediately intimidated him. But the angst didn't last long, and Little went on to spend four years at Ussquehanta developing not only his technical understanding of the craft, but also the beginnings of the unique, eclectic style that has come to define his work today.

In addition to his classes, Little performed in several university theatre productions, wrote scores for plays like *Macbeth* and *The Country Wife*, and also founded his own ensemble, which

eventually produced an avant-garde political music theatre work called *The State of Our Union Is ...*, which was performed at the Degenstein Center Theater.

"The State of Our Union was totally out there, but Susquehanna was such an open place in many ways that I felt like I could do whatever I wanted? says Little. "And I got encouragement from closessors that I was doing something actually worth doing, which I don't know that I would have gotten at a bigger school."

Since he graduated from Susquehanna, the pond in which Little swims has only gotten larger. In 2001, he attended the prestigious Tanglewood Music Center, and in 2002—after just three semesters—he earned his master's degree from the University of Michigan before coming back to New Jersey to attend Princeton's doctorate program. And while Little's compositional interests and aesthetic have evolved over the years ("There was a time when I didn't even want to hear anything written before 1945," he jokes), Little says he finally feels like "a fully formed composer."

If only he wasn't so pressed for time.

Walking to a nearby subway that will take him uptown to see his friend's show. Little says that in two weeks he'll be heading to a friend's house in the Berkshires for seven days of concentrated composing.

"I will be unavailable to the world," he says with a smile. "It's the only way I can get anything done these days. *That's* living the dream, man." ~

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# O&A

Kyle Robertson '11 and Sarah Myers '12 Student Representatives to the Board of Trustees



Susquehanna University trustees are successful in a variety of fields, including finance, religion and academia, loining these accomplished individuals are student representatives to the Board of Trustees who help shape university life. Kyle Robertson '11 filled this position for two years prior to graduating in May with a Bachelor of Arts in music and a Bachelor of Science in business administration, Sarah Myers '12, majoring in historysecondary education, continues to represent her fellow students on the board.

SC: How has being a student representative to the Board of Trustees aided in your development as a leader and student?

KR: It helped me in developing an unbiased leadership style where I am able to offer my thoughts with those of the student body. As a business student, it has provided me an invaluable learning extension as I have furthered my understanding of finance, corporate governance, marketing strategy and legal issues.

SM: Making change happen on this campus excites me. Being a student representative has made me more outgoing, as I have a strong desire to communicate and interact with others to share my thoughts and gain others' perspectives.

SC: What have you learned through interactions with board members?

KR: Listening to the board talk of past chairpersons, university presidents or dedicated board members, I started to make connections with the names of so many buildings on campus. I feel much more connected to the university from all of the history I have learned, and I make it a point to tell my friends about who buildings are named for ... whether they want to hear it or not!

SM: I have seen Susquehanna's mission of achievement, leadership and service fulfilled by each board member. Their dedication to the health and well-being of the university is unwavering. I have learned how I can help Susquehanna become the best it can be. Being at Susquehanna isn't a four-year experience; Susquehanna will be with me for a lifetime.

SC: What accomplishment or decision of the board has made you proudest?

KR: A primary focus of the board for the 2010-11 academic year has been alumni engagement, and I have been proud to represent students in discussions surrounding this issue. There will hopefully be new outlets for alumni to become more engaged with SU through giving of their time, knowledge, talent and finances.

SM: I am particularly excited about the initiative to enhance alumni engagement. With graduation only a year away, I am proud to be a Susquehannan and will carry that pride into the future. I hope to help current students feel that Susquehanna will be there to support and encourage them long after graduation.

SC: Why is it important for students to have a voice on the Board of Trustees, and more generally, in the administration of their university?

KR: This is best answered by the board's mantra: "It's all about the students." It is important that the board knows how students would react to certain decisions, what students are talking about on campus, and any pressing issues from the student perspective. The board and university value "shared governance," which means it is important for students to have a voice in how the university is being run and the direction it is moving.

SM: The trustees can be together on campus only a few times a year, so it is very special that there are two student representatives serving as a bridge between the students and trustees. Every issue has multiple perspectives, and it is an honor to share the student viewpoint with the board on significant university matters.



# **SYLLABUS**

#### Class Brings Societal Punishment to the Forefront of Students' Minds

Susquehanna University never ceases to offer its students a wide and intriguing variety of classes. Name the topic, and it's probably been offered in some form. Most classes are unique and exciting, and the professors who teach them stand out just as much as the class content. Michael Smyth, assistant professor of sociology, is no exception.

While Smyth teaches a wide range of sociology courses, from introductory classes to special-topics classes, one of the most intriguing is his Sociology of Punishment course. The class often challenges students to answer questions they've never contemplated before, such as, "In our society, who gets punished, how and for what?" Smyth says,

Students learn about the history of punishment and are challenged to understand punishment as a social artifact, which, like architecture, diet, clothing or table manners, has an instrumental purpose and a cultural style. Throughout the class, students are required to use sociological theories as lenses to look at punishment and its meaning. Smyth believes it's an important topic to learn about because it "opens people's eyes to a wealth of information about a topic we normally don't think much about." He also enjoys the way "students really get into the topic."

"Dr. Smyth made the class accessible," says creative writing major Angela Robinson '12, "It was interesting looking at the prison system and history as a sociological unit because it made me re-analyze the concept from a different perspective and totally rethink my opinions on it."

One thing Smyth considers vital to teaching any sociology course is to make the content relevant to a contemporary audience, while still providing a solid theoretical background. He frequently introduces recent documentaries, current news articles and case studies to provide students with context, and as a way to connect some of the drier theory to current affairs. In many of his sociology classes, Smyth also breaks students into small groups. Each group reads and reports on a different book about the sociological theory and main topic that the class is examining.

Smyth makes it his responsibility to help students see sociological theories and concepts in modern-day society, therefore creating an exciting, fast-paced learning atmosphere that engages students from all different majors.

# **FORWARD THINKING**

# Faculty Panel Explores Effects of Japan's Nuclear Disaster

On April 12, the same day that the Japanese nuclear crisis was elevated to the highest level on an international scale, the university's Center for Civic Engagement hosted the panel discussion Japan's Response to Crisis: A Panel Discussion on Geology, Environment, History and People in Japan. Professor of Biology and panelist Jack Holt explained that a rating of 7 by the International Atomic Energy Agency put the stricken nuclear plant on par with the 1986 Chernobyl disaster, the only other incident to reach the highest rating. That explosion, 25 years ago, released seven tons of radioactive material into the atmosphere. Due to high levels of cancer-causing cesium, the surrounding area is still not livable.

Students, staff and community members attended the panel discussion, which also featured Associate Professor of Mathematical Sciences Tushiro Kubota. Assistant Professor of History Lisong Liu, Associate Professor of Earth & Environmental Sciences Jennifer Elick and Junko Torii of the Susquehanna Valley Japanese Community.

A tsunami caused the nuclear crisis by drowning generators at the Fukushima Nuclear Plant. Following the disaster, different units underwent explosions and fires. Even when boiling-water reactors shut down, residual heat makes them tricky to control, Holt explained.

Despite tremendous health risks, people are still at work there. "They are the real heroes," he added, (continued on pp. 20)



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Of course, they are not the only ones impacted. Torii noted that 156,000 people, many evacuees from the nuclear crisis, were still living in shelters, while Holt reported that iodine had been found in Japanese drinking water. Iodine exposure can lead to high incidence of thyroid cancer.

Liu explained that, despite historical discomfort with nuclear power, Japan now relies upon 54 nuclear reactors and one nuclear reprocessing plant for 30 percent of its energy demands. Many question whether nuclear power is worth the risk.

To Holt, nuclear power is a "necessary stopgap" before society weans itself off carbon-based power. The most effective way to decrease the use of nuclear power is by tackling climate change, Holt and Elick suggested. According to Elick, wave, tidal, hydrothermal and geothermal energy are all suitable alternatives for Japan.

Holt shot down the idea that any significant level of radiation from this disaster could have reached the West Coast. Despite the incident's severity, there is "negligible threat elsewhere," he said, emphasizing that "we live in a world constantly bombarded."

On average, a person living in the United States receives 350-400 millirems of radiation per year "from natural sources on earth and elsewhere in the cosmos." Holt said.

What Susquehanna students should be concerned about is helping Japan. Various campus organizations, including the Center for Civic Engagement, raised funds for disaster relief. "Recovery is going to take years and years and years," said M. Andy Nagy, former coordinator of residence life for civic engagement. Attendees were invited to join the university community's ongoing support by donating spare dollars or writing a message to be sent to Japan.



## KUDOS

# SU Named to Presidential Honor Roll for Community Service

Susquehanna University is one of just over 100 schools nationwide recently named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with distinction, for its strong institutional commitment to service and compelling partnerships that produce measurable results for the community.

Having been named to the honor roll for five consecutive years, Susquehanna University has long fostered a campus culture that inspires civic leadership and social responsibility. About 90 percent of students participate in community service at some point in their student career, according to M. Andy Nagy, former coordinator of residence life for civic engagement.

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service learning and civic engagement. The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) identifies honorees for the award based on a series of selection factors, including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of students participating in service activities, incentives for service and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

First-year students at Susquehanna get a chance to work with faculty, staff and peer mentors on service projects that address homelessness, both near the university and in Washington, D.C. In addition, several options within Susquehanna's unique GO (Global Opportunities) program are centered on service learning. For example, the college's award-winning SU CASA program takes participants to Costa Rica and Nicaragua for two weeks annually to earn academic credit while serving at congregations, clinics, refugee and immigrant communities, hospitals and an orphanage. Twice a year, Susquehanna sends teams of students, faculty and staff to New Orleans to assist in hurricane recovery efforts. Other service-learning GO programs engage students in poverty relief in the Philippines, community development in Peru and peacebuilding in Northern Ireland.

Contributing writers to The 'Grove section are Charlotte Lotz '12, Megan McDermott '14 and Karen M. Jones, assistant director of

The Rev. Mark Wm. Radecke (center), university chaplain and associate professor of religion, addresses students during a service trip to Washington, D.C., to work with people who are homeless.

# **FAMILY WEEKEND 2011**

Come visit campus and enjoy a slice of life at Susquehanna. Make plans now to attend Family Weekend, Nov. 4–6, and spend time with your student while participating in some exciting activities:

- Parent, student and faculty mixer, hosted by President and Mrs. L. Jay Lemons
- · Student performance of Funny Girl
- Book reading and signing with Stephen Wallace '81, former CEO and chairman of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), and author of Reality Gap
- Global Opportunities (GO) Forum to learn the benefits of living and learning off campus In a domestic or international location
- Legacy luncheon for families of current students who have a relative who attended SU
- · National, jurled visual art exhibition
- Crusaders football against McDaniel College



For more details and a list of area accommodations, visit http://www.susqu.edu/parentsfamilies/24888.asp.

# **Score**board

# NO IDENTITY CRISIS HERE

Dission III student athletes are unique and deserve to be recognized as such. They defy the stereotype that athletes have little time for anything other than practice, games and school. In fact, athletes at the Dission III level are inspirational in their desire to be involved in anything and everything that interests them—on and off the playing fields—during their years as a sudent athlete.

The Landmark Conference, just four years old, recognizes that the student-athletes at its eight member institutions are remarkable individuals, and that more needs to be done to promote not only the member academic institutions, but also the conference itself.

The main topic at the conference's annual symposium at Catholic University revolved around the branding of Division III and its member institutions. Two Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) members from the eight colleges and universities traveled to the symposium to give their feedback on what it means to be a Division III student-athlete in the Landmark Conference. The two days of branstonning sessions will be instrumental in helping to guide the conference's new branding strategies.

Changes are already taking shape for the 2011–12 at hitles; eason and beyond. This coming year, the Landmark Conference logo, designed by SI suudent and men's lacross player Tim Storck '08, has been approved to appear on volleyballs in postseason competition and on uniforms of the student at hietes, in addition, the overstiffed luggage bags that student athlieses notionusly carry with them on bus trips will be adorned with Landmark baggage tags.

Rising Susquehanna seniors Matt Lottes and Lisa Finizio were SU's two SAAC representatives who attended the symposium. Lottes was elected as the Landmark SAAC president, ensuring that Susquehanna will remain at the forefront of those student-athletes giving voice to the Landmark Gorference and Its mission.



Thrower Ken Schetroma 13 was named the Landmark Conference Male Field Athlete of the Year

#### SPRING SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

The 2011 spring campaign was unquestionably a successful one for Crusader teams. A combined three Landmark Conference Tournament appearances, two Coach of the Year honors and 22 all-leaque players were just a few of the highlights put opether by SU's spring squads.

To start, the men's lacrosse team achieved a historically successful season. The team won a program-record 11 games and earned its first-ever trip to the Landmark Conference Tournament as the No. 4 seed. In addition, four players earned All-Landmark Conference honors, and head coach Stewart Moan and his staff were named the Landmark Coaching Staff of the Year.

The softball and baseball teams also both advanced to their respective postseason tournaments. The softball squad finished the year with 29 victories and earned the No. 2 seed in the tournament. Despite falling short of the ultimate goal of a league title, the Crusaders saw senior pitcher Cara Swerdlow cap off her historic four-year career with Pitcher of the Year honors. The team also boasted flour other all-conference players.

SUs baseball team used its final conference series to earn a postseason berth for the fourth-straight season. Susquehanna was eliminated in back-to-back two-run games but saw five of its players recognized by the Landmark Conference.

The women's lacrosse team may have failed to qualify for its postseason tournament, but three of its players earned All-Landmark Conference recognition, and with just three seniors leaving the program following the spring, the Crusaders have a young and deep squad taking the field next season.

In other action, the men's golf team received a second-consecutive major award as Steve Welkie '14 was named the Empire 8 Men's Golf Rookle of the Year. In addition, two women's tennis players received all-league nods.

#### Hit and Run

Harley Sellinger '14 became the thirdstraight men's basketball player to be named the Landmark Conference Rookie of the Year

Colin Sullivan '11 of the swim team became the first-ever male swimmer at Susquehanna to qualify for and compete in the NCAA Championships.

Head men's basketball coach Frank Marcinek earned his 300th career victory.

Fifty-six student-athletes were named to the Landmark Conference Winter Academic Honor Roll, led by 25 from the women's indoor track and field team.

Senior Bobby Eppleman received the Central Pennsylvania Chapter National Football. Foundation and College Hall of Fame's Scholar-Crusader to earn the honor, following Dave Paveletz '10, who earned the award one

This year, the annual Academic Excellence Cup was awarded to the men's and women's cross country teams for boasting the highest gradepoint averages (GPAs). The men finished with a 3.1 GPA, while the women recorded a team GPA of 3.5.

The women's swim team captured its first-ever down the preseason favorite, The University coach Jerry Foley and assistant coach Katie Robbins '96 were named the Male Coaching

The athletics department announced the hiring of Kaitlyn Skelley as head field hockey coach.



#### OVERCOMING SETBACKS KEY TO SAVARD'S SUCCESS

One trait that runs through athletes is the belief that they will succeed, no matter what. If they get knocked down, they will get back up. If they missed a tackle on the football field, they'll make the next one. "Doubt" is not in their vocabularies.

There's no question that Susquehanna swimmer Christie Savard '11 falls into that category. Arguably one of the best female swimmers to come through SU, she has endured meets where she did not compete at the level to which she knew she was capable. But those setbacks never derailed her intent to make her next swim her best one, and the proof of that is in the SU record books.

Her determination to succeed is not restricted to the pool, however, in the latter part of middle school. Savard began suffering from an eating disorder.

"As my weight initially dropped, I began to receive positive comments from my peers." Savard said, "It made me feel good, Pretty quickly, though, my weight loss and preoccupation with food was dominating my life."

Savard found her energy waning during swim practices and remembers her parents. coaches and friends trying to convince her to get help. Finally, by her junior year of high school, she took one of the hardest steps anyone can take by not only acknowledging she had a problem, but by then admitting she needed help in overcoming it.

Savard left high school for six weeks of inpatient treatment, followed by two weeks of outpatient therapy, causing her to miss essentially her entire junior year of swimming.

The treatments seemed to work, and Savard returned to high school and swimming her senior year. The following fall, she began the next phase of her life as a college student at Susquehanna.

Savard's transition to college was not smooth, though, as she found herself struggling with eating issues again. She knew she needed to leave SU at least for a little while to resume treatment

Savard transferred to Cabrini College, closer to her then-hometown of Berwyn. Pa., for outpatient therapy before returning to Susquehanna as a sophomore. She now looks back on that time as the year in which she finally rid herself of the physical symptoms of her eating disorder.

The word "recovery" is not thrown around lightly in regard to eating disorders. but the thought that she could be a role model may be just what Savard needs to prevent taking a step backward.

"I want to be a good example," she said. "The best advice I can give anyone suffering like I was is to find someone that you're most comfortable with and who gives you confidence. If I hadn't gotten help, I honestly don't know where I'd be now."

Contributing writer to the Scoreboard is Katie Meier. director of athletics communications



# People Places

## **Renowned Peacemaker Speaks at Graduation Ceremony**



More than 4,500 graduating students, parents and guests attended Susquehanna University's 153rd Commencement ceremony on May 15, when 469 students were awarded degrees. Commencement speaker Harold H. Saunders, director of international affairs at the Kettering Foundation, founder and president of the International Institute for Sustained Dialogue (IISD), and former U.S. assistant secretary of state for Near East affairs, addressed the ordauters and their guests.

Saunders is the architect of Sustained Dialogue, "a public peace process" designed to change relationships among those involved in deep-rooted conflicts. He has employed the process with thought leaders and citizens of the former Soviet Union, the Middle East, Tājikistan and Iraq, among others. IISD is also the institutional base for the Sustained Dialogue Campus Network now operating on some 16 high school and college campuses, including Susquehanna's.

Saunders challenged simplistic assumptions about the nature of conversation. "Dislogue is not about talking," he said. "It's first about listening. Dialogue is one person listening deeply and carefully enough to another to be changed by what she or he hears. That openness of one person to another makes dialogue the essence of genuine relationship. Relationship is at the heart of a peaceful and productive society."

## **Grad Bikes Cross-Country for Cancer Awareness**

After graduation, many in the Class of 2011 celebrated. Nate Wineland '11 chose to donate—time, energy, money and sweat, as he embarked on a cross-country biking trip with the nonprofit organization 4K for Cancer. In Baltimore on May 29, Wineland began a 4,000-mile trek to Portland, scheduled to last 60 days. He was excited about biking cross-country but more thrilled to be raising cancer awareness.

Riders followed the motto "Cycle. Inspire. Unite." Rather than speeding through towns, they visited with cancer patients, held cancer screenings and gave educational presentations. Money raised by 4K for Cancer assists other organizations working to fight the disease, particularly organizations with proven track records that fit 4K for Cancer's community emphasis.

Wineland started making connections with cancer victims as he fundraised for the trip. Whenever someone contributed to his 64,500 goal, he asked whether anyone in the donor's life suffered from cancer. Then Wineland offered to dedicate a part of his trip to that person. "It continues to make me feel good that I am doing something about it," he says of those individuals' stories.

Personally, Wineland has been affected by a neighbor's passing from cancer, his grandmother's early stages of blood cancer and the struggle of his track coach, Marty Owens.

"I wanted to show Marty my support for his battle with cancer, and knowing that he loves riding bikes so much, I thought it was a great idea."

"I am quite honored," says Owens. "As a coach, sometimes. I get surprised how much of an impact we have on the lives of our student-athletes." Leading up to the trip, he and Wineland often discussed the latter's training, and the pair went on rides toeether in the sortine.

Wineland anticipated how challenging the journey would be, particularly in the Rocky Mountains, but he still looked forward to the biking, sightseeing and social aspects of the trip. Most of all, though, he knew this: "The most rewarding thing will be the stories I hear from the cancer patients that I meet, and being able to learn from them and let them know we are out there supporting them and keeping them in our thoughts."

# Hillel House Hosts Meditation Series

The Hillel House, the hub of Susquehanna Jewish life, welcomes community members of all religions and spiritual paths by offering programming such as the Insight Meditation Series.

Assistant Professor of English Betsy Verhoeven and Colleen Bogner, meditation facilitator and licensed clinical social worker, led separate meditation groups in 2009—Verhoeven's on campus and Bogner's off. In fall 2010, the pair joined forces at the Hillel House, starting with a four-week introductory series on Insight Meditation.

The group, which continues to made weekly, consists of students, staff and community members who benefit from their varied experiences. Each meeting features a 20-minute guided meditation, listening to a podcast by Tara Brach, founder of the Insight Meditation Community of Washington, and group discussion.

"We can go for weeks without having a moment where we're centered," says Rabbi Kate Palley. She explains that Insight Meditation groups offer participants the valuable opportunity to stop, get in touch with one's inner voice and spend time with one's self. Everyone is encouraged through continued practice to become more centered in their daily lives.

Meditation is particularly helpful for 18-c to 22-year-olds, as most are in what Palley calls "the process of figuring out who they are as an adult and citizen of the world." Bogner suggests that college life can be stressful and that meditation can improve stress tolerance and cultivate greater acceptance of difficult situations.

Though this particular form of meditation is founded upon Buddhist principles, "it is not a religion," she explains. "It is more a philosophy of scientific investigation of yourself. Insight Meditation can enrich any life—religious or nonreligious."

"It's not really a religious practice," Palley agrees, "though it can be. Quiet time and meditation can only improve quality of life and your relationship with the divine."

The Hillel House is welcoming not only in its programming but in its design.

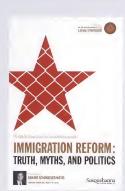
The upstairs meditation room, lacking in specific religious iconography so all can pray comfortably there, is another way the

Hillel House embraces people of all spiritual backgrounds and beliefs.

In the future, Palley envisions Hillel House adding more evening programming and becoming a "more integrated community." The Insight Meditation Series and a women's spirituality group, Rosh Chodesh, were suggested to her by others. She continues to be open to new ideas and looks forward to further collaboration with the SU and Selinsgrove communities.







#### Former Illegal Immigrant Headlines Latino Symposium, Adams Center Lecture

The Latino Symposium and the Arlin M. Adams Center for Law and Society hosted speaker Edward Schumacher-Matos last semester in an eye-opening presentation titled Immigration Reform: Truth, Myths and Politics, Schumacher-Matos is a Colombian-born news correspondent who was an illegal immigrant himself for his first seven years in the United States. He declared citizenship at 21 years old to serve in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He then attended Vanderbilt University and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, He is now a Robert F. Kennedy visiting professor for Latin American studies at Harvard University.

Schumacher-Matos spoke candidly to a crowded Stretansky Concert Hall about issues of illegal and legal immigration. He stressed that the issue is prevalent everywhere, including central Pennsylvania. Schumacher-Matos illuminated his presentation with the hard facts: the number of foreign-born people living in the United States peaked in 2009-and 11 million were illegal immigrants. Additionally, whites are rapidly becoming the minority in some states, such as California and Texas. He also noted that immigration laws need to be reformed internationally, not just in America. Canada and Australia, for example, have a higher percentage of foreign-born citizens than the United States.

"What most interested me was Schumacher-Matos's global perspective," says

Dave Meyers '12. "Prior to the lecture, I hadn't given international immigration reform policies much consideration, and I wasn't aware of the immigration problems in other parts of the world. I left the lecture feeling better informed and aware of my position regarding immigration reform. I even discussed these thoughts among friends at dinner."

#### **SU Orchestra Tour Brings Concert Drama** to Middle School Students

Associate Professor of Music Jennifer Sacher Wiley has been changing the face of SU's music program ever since her arrival in 1997. Her many accomplishments include the extensive work she's done with the Susquehanna University Orchestra, which has grown in size and talent over the years.

Wiley created an orchestra tour for students, which occurs biannually. The SU Orchestra visits urban school districts to present music programs that Wiley authors, directs and produces. Each of the productions has a specific educational message for the middle school and high school students. The 2011 tour, which featured the concert drama Outside the Music Box, performed for schools in Brooklyn, N.Y., and Ridgewood, N.J. The show, which includes original work by Associate Professor of Music Patrick Long, teaches middle school students the connection between art and music. During the tour, the SU students and faculty got to attend a performance of the New York Philharmonic.

The opportunities Wiley provides her orchestra students are enormous. "My favorite part of the SU Orchestra tour is that we get to travel to many different areas and observe the various cultures and environments," says Erin Grasty '11, a music major who has played violin for two of the orchestra

tours. "It has been great to work with Dr. Wiley. She is a wonderful teacher and person, with a solution for just about anything!" Matthew Webb '14, a theatre performance major, played

one of the acting roles in the recent orchestra tour, "Outside the Music Box was important because it was an opportunity for the community to connect with Susquehanna University," he says. "Dr. Wiley was a thrill to work with. She has more enthusiasm than a kid in a candy store."





#### Student Walks Through Civil Rights History in Alabama

Ebony Bradley '13 will always remember her "life-changing experience" in early March when she joined a sea of dignitaries and VIPs in a walk of remembrance across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala. They were re-cnacting the historic votting rights march of March 7, 1965—known as Bloody Sunday—when 600 peaceful civil rights demonstrators were met by armed officers on their way to Montgomery, the state capital. This time, instead of bloody conflict awaiting them on the other side of the bridge, a gaggle of news photographers was present to record the anniversary walk.

"As we made our way across the bridge, I thought to myself, Tm a part of history right now," Bradley recalls. "Acknowledging how important that day was in America's history and how life-changing it was for those who walked the bridge back then, and for us now, was so inspiring."

Bradley was one of a select group of young people invited this year to participate in the 11th annual Congressional Civil Rights Pilgrimage, sponsored by the Faith and Politics Institute. In the group's travels to historic sites in Birmingham, Montgomery and Selma, she had plenty of opportunities to learn from members of the congressional delegations and other notables on the trip.

"When in my life again will I be able to talk with Jesse Jackson about a painting we stood before in a museum? I spoke with the sister of a young girl who died in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham back in 1963. I heard what it was like to hear the bombs going off and what it was like to know Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. So many times during the trip, some amazing person would walk up behind me and strike up a conversation about the civil rights movement.

"I learned so much I didn't know before. This was a part of history—my history and America's history. Now, I want to urge students to dig deeper into the civil rights movement, and encourage history teachers to teach more about it. You learn about Dr. King and Rosa Parks—the well-known figures. But there are so many unsung heroes who deserve to be known and whose personal stories can help people understand better how this movement changed history."

A sociology and Spanish major from Reading, Pa., Bradley's goal is to pursue graduate study in social justice. "I'd like to educate young people about social justice and encourage them to act, to help change things for the better."



#### Seniors Show Their Stuff

This spring's Senior Scholars Day, an SU tradition dating back 30 years, allowed members of the Class of 2011 to give culminating presentations of their academic and creative work. The Charles B. Degenstein Campus Center and the Cunningham Center for Music and Art were abuzz with poster displays, oral presentations and recitals-and more than 150 participating students, their faculty supervisors and other attendees.

The range of presentations demonstrated the variety of academic interests on campus. Among other things, topics addressed WikiLeaks, wolf spiders, political ideologies, academic cheating, legalized gambling and Christian moral considerations regarding economics. Many were focused on college, like Hand Hygiene Habits of College Students Before Meals, a presentation by Sarah Burrows '11; Factors That Influence Community in Residence Halls, by Amanda George '11; and Male Involvement on a Small, Liberal Arts Campus, by Diane Eshelman '11.

Christiana Paradis '11's presentation was Susquehannaspecific. She shared the results of her Carl Hitchner Fellowship, which tackled the use of harmful language on campus. The Carl Hitchner Fellowship offers a student the opportunity to work on a project related to social justice.

'I think that people are more aware of the phrases they use and how they can be harmful," Paradis says of her project's results, although she believes that work on this issue should continue.

Paradis drew attention to harmful language with a poster series that educated students on racist, sexist and homophobic slurs. During the second semester, the focus of her poster series shifted to educating students on why certain language is offensive. She also showed two movies, American History X and What I Want My Words To Do To You, held roundtable discussions, and organized a panel on harmful language.

Paradis says her Senior Scholars Day experience gave her "a good opportunity to project things I'm interested in and present something I'm passionate about".

Other presenters notice similar benefits. "I feel that I have gained a greater appreciation for the work of students within different academic departments," says Megan Culkin '11. She shared her research on the relationship between conquistadors and Aztecs in New Spain, and the development of hidden transcripts and artifacts. "Based on my presentation on Senior Scholars Day, I realized that I have reached a point in my education where I am comfortable taking my work outside of the classroom."

#### Conference Explores New World of Literature and Creativity

E-readers, e-books, blogging authors, book trailers on YouTube and online writing communities mark the collision between literary and virtual realms. The seventh annual Undergraduate Literature and Creative Writing Conference explored the resulting new world with the theme "Literature and Creativity in a Digital Age."

Panels featured readings of critical and creative work from Susquehanna undergraduates, along with students from schools such as Westminster College, Notre Dame College, Towson University and SUNY New Paltz. After the readings, attendees had a chance to ask questions. Panels included Literature and Gender, Young Adults, Literature and Technology, Language and the Digital Age and Human Moralities Ranging From Evil Through Sainthood. The student organization FUSE (Forum for Undergraduate Student Editors) had its own editing and publishing roundtable, moderated by Assistant Professor of English Catherine Deut.

Lindsey Sitler '14, who read during a fiction panel, feels that the conference gave English and creative writing students a "sense of professionalism."

"It was a great experience that introduced me to the fantastic community of writers that Susquehanna has to offer," says Paul Burnell '13, who also presented.

Associate Professor of English Karen Mura, a conference committee member alongside professors Karla Kelsey, Laurence Roth and Silas Zobal, believes the conference is a "wonderful experience for undergrads to share in a public forum." According to Mura, another benefit is the opportunity to bring in well-known authors and scholars. This is particularly beneficial to Susquehanna students who have access to these speakers without leaving campus.

This year the conference hosted Fred D'Aguiar, a highly acclaimed writer of drama, poetry and novels who has won the Whitbread First Novel Award and the David Higham Prize for Fiction. His most recent book is the poetry collection The Continental Shelf, Alan Liu, professor of English at the University of California, Santa Barbara, delivered the keynote address, Close, Distant and Unexpected Reading: New Forms of Literary Reading in the Digital Age. He also led a roundtable discussion on A Digital Approach to Collaborating Across Disciplines.

Next year's conference will delve into the theme "Narratives of Power: Emotion and Persuasion." The keynote speaker will be M. Jimmie Killingsworth, professor of English at Texas A&M University, and the visiting writer will be Joy Castro, author of the memoir The Truth Book.

Contributing writers to the People & Places section are Charlotte Lotz '12, Megan McDermott '14, Betsy K. Robertson and Karen M. Jones, assistant director of media relations.

## **Alumni Notes**

#### Message Board



The alumni relations staff: (left to right) Susan Kreisher, Jodi Swartz, Ingrid "Cookie" Grodem '69 Davidsen and Becky Bramer'92 Deitrick

#### PAYING IT FORWARD

I have been working alongside alumni for several years now, and I continue to be amazed by their devotion to helping Susquehanna students. Many of our alumni support current students by hiring them upon graduation. providing internships, speaking in classrooms, having lunch with students, and providing career guidance and advice. A few months ago, Ryan Franks '02 met Kirk Eckenrode '11 at a speed networking event in Pittsburgh. After a brief conversation, Ryan reached out to a colleague in Williamsport and secured a job interview for Kirk. Doug Kniss '80 came to campus this spring and had dinner with six biology students, giving them a glimpse into his successful career path and how he came to be the director of the lab for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Ohio State University.

Thanks to the many alumni on the Sigmund Weis School of Business Advisory Council, we have been able to recruit more than 150 alumni who are willing to give career advice to current students, including information and

support on finding jobs and internships. Larry Hutchison'80 and Greg Carr'83 initially brought the idea to the alumni office. Joseph Shannon '07 and Jameson Troutman '02 joined the initiative in additional leadership roles, and all are helping to lead an effort that supports the university and the students in valuable ways. This initiative is called the Sigmund Weis School of Business Alumni Engagement Pilot Program. A similar pilot began with communications students led by Lisa Ryan Burke '78, and more are planned for the coming year.

This effort to connect alumni and students extends well beyond the business school. Graduate school advice and connections are also desired. Students have been thrilled and inspired by the connections they have made with our alumni, and I have seen alumni get really excited about paying it forward by helping a current student. It's one of the best ways to stay connected to the university and to get a feel for what's happening on campus. Are you in a position to help one of our current students? If you'd like to get involved, please email me at deitrick@susqu.edu.

~Becky Bramer '92 Deitrick Director of Alumni Relations

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60TH REUNION

Brandywine Chapter, as immediate past president and is 2008 Fundraising Executive of the Year for the AFP Brandywine Chapter. 25TH REUNION

In December 2010, Angela Green
'94 completed her Ph.D. in microbiology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. She is currently a postdoctoral associate at the University of Pittsburgh.

SSTH REUNION

1979

1988

1995

SOTH REUNION

Tammy Trotman '79 Gore was named executive director of the Northeast Berks Chamber of Commerce.

Scott Ulsh '88 joined Trident Engineering Associates Inc. of Annapolis, Md., as director of client relations and business development.

R. Michael Schwarz '95 is a client relationship manager for Merrill Lynch at the World Financial Center in New York. He lives in Stuyvesant Heights, Brooklyn, N.Y.

45TH REUNION

1007

30TH REUNION

Michael Miess '91 received his Master of Business Administration degree from Holy Family

20TH REUNION

15TH REUNION

1968

Daniel Distasio '82, a partner with the Scranton law firm Scartelli, Distasio & Kowalski, has been recognized by Thomson Reuters as a 2011 Super Lawyer' on the annual listing published in Philadelphia magazine. Following a rigorous, multiphase rating process, no more than a recent

tion degree from Holy Family University in Philadelphia, Pa.

Born to Andy '97 and Laura Desrosiers '00 Renauld, a son, Nathan Thomas, Aug. 7, 2010. He

Richard Michael '68 was honored with the Presidential Medal of Honor at Wagner College's 2011 baccalaureate service in May as their retiring chaplain.

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George Day '93 was elected to the Keystone Energy Efficiency Alliance (KEEA) board of directors. He is the director of business development at fiber-ness development at fiber-ness of consistent, high quality and environmentally friendly cellulose fiber insulation products.

joins big brother Henry.

40TH REUNION

been appointed executive vice president and CFO of Webster Financial Corporation, based in Waterbury, Conn.

Karen Warner '93 Higgins was appointed president of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO). Her term is June 2012. She is the president and PR consultant at A&E Communications, Inc. She lives in Cellegaville Pa

Born to Matt and Denise Oakes '98 Kinser, a daughter, Adele Bryce, Sept, 6. She joins big sister Simone. Denise has her master's in social work from UNC Chapel Hill and lives in Charlotte, N.C. Shelley Lathrop '98 completed

her master's in social work at

35TH REUNION

Marc L. Godino '83 has been named a partner at the law firm of Glancy Binkow & Goldberg LLP. He has successfully prosecuted dozens of consumer and securities class actions throughout the country, resulting in the recovery of millions of dollars for consumers and investors. term is June 2010-June 2012. She is the president and PR consultant at A&F. Communications, Inc. She lives in Collegeville, Pa.

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Services of New England as a family specialist for the Therapeutic Foster Care program. In May 2010, she received an award for service at the statewide Division of Children, Youth and earth of Distinguished Artists in

Michele LeFever '78 Quinn has been named associate director of development for the College of Engineering at the University of Delaware. Previously she served for nearly seven years as the chief development officer of YWCA Delaware. She serves on the board of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, DE:

Jay Feaster '84 was named general manager for the Calgary Flames.

ed the Distinguished Artists in Their Youth Award sponsored by the No Rules Theatre Company based in Washington, D.C., and Winston-Salem, N.C. He is the artistic director at Adventure Theatre in Glen Echo Park.

#### David Kammerer '76



"I have continually built on the great foundation my undergrad program gave me."

David Kammerer '76 has used his music education degree to take him many placeslocales as exotic as the O'ahu shores of Hawaii. It all started in central Pennsylvania, where he began working as a freelance musician after graduating. He then moved on to a teaching position at a high school near Syracuse, N.Y., where he and his wife, Beth Daum '77 Kammerer, also a Susquehanna music education major. raised a family.

It was a stroke of luck that both Beth and David found music-based teaching jobs on the O'ahu island of Hawaii. They moved there in 1993 to pursue their new lines of work. David was appointed director of the Polynesian Cultural Center Brass Band. He also taught instrumental ensembles for Brigham Young University-Hawaii (BYUH), such as jazz ensemble, concert band and the basketball pep band. Beth taught at a local

high school, where she developed Vocal Motion, a show choir that has gone on to win several awards. Beth herself was named Hawaii State Teacher of the Year in 1997.

After earning his doctorate in ethnomusicology at the University of Hawaii in 2008, David was appointed chair of the BYUH Department of Fine Arts. "Probably the most gratifying thing about teaching here is the daily interaction with a highly diverse student body," he says, listing the numerous countries from which his students come.

At BYUH, David has composed a number of brass pieces and premiered them at the school. After finishing his doctorate, he focused his passion for both jazz and traditional Hawaiian music by creating a faculty ensemble called Crosscurrent, it consists of three full-time and five part-time BYUH faculty members who all share an interest in capturing traditional sounds of Pacific

music with a contemporary jazz feel. Their first CD. Pacific Tinge, was released in December. The CD's tracks offer a variety of sounds, from traditional Hawaiian chant to Afro-Brazilian jazz samba. David contributed three original pieces and one complete arrangement for the album, as well as the horn arrangements for the other five tracks.

David looks back to his undergraduate years at SU as a valuable starting point. "I was exposed to a wide variety of musical styles and had the opportunity to develop my compositional skills in writing original works for several SU ensembles," he says. "I have continually built on the great foundation my undergrad program gave me, and it has allowed me to compete successfully in many professional contexts."

Charlotte Lotz is a senior creative writing major and sociology minor from Sugarloof, Po.

Born to Mike '98 and Christine Foster 'or Zisa, a son, Jack Michael, Aug. 23, 2010. He joins big sister Olivia Grace. Mike is a partner with the law firm Seeger Fuughnan Mendicino, PC, where he practices construction and surety litigation. They live in Bethesda. Md.

1999

Erin McCauliff '99 married Matthew Winfield Gentzel May 16, 2009, at the Milestone Inn, Harrisburg, Pa. They welcomed their first daughter, Isla Jean, Sept. 29, 2010. They live in Mt. Lebanon, Pa.

Born to Juliana Rizk'99 and Andy Rumbaugh'00, a daughter, Kerry Elizabeth, Feb. 26. They live in Matawan, N.I.

2000

Born to Glen Mitchell and Nadja Mair-Mitchell '00, a son, Luke, April 26. They live in New York City.

Born to Brian 'oo and Jennifer Ashton 'oo Robinson, a daughter, Ashley Brynn, Jan. 27. She joins big sister Addison Sue. They live in Mechanicsburg, Pa., where Brian and Jennifer teach in the Cumberland Valley School District.

2001

10TH REUNION

Laura Armstrong' or earned a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Carinter performance in December 2010 from the University of Maryland. She was suddent of Paul Cigam and is currently a freelance clarinetist with the Ash Lawn Opera Festival. Laura was about invited by the International Clarinetist swith recreated as the control of the Con

Boatwright and a discussion about her dissertation, "A Mutual Influence: Solo and Chamber Works for Clarinet by Students of Paul Hindemuth," as part of the ICA's research competition. Laura lives in Baltimore, Md. with her husband, James Schiaffino," on

Dawn Catron 'o1 married Brian Lee March 27, 2010. The ceremony was at St. Catherine's in Franklin Square, N.Y., with a reception at Westbury Manor in Westbury, N.Y.

Ryan Hollis 'oı married Melissa St. John Dec. 31 at Harrisburg First Assembly of God Church. A reception followed at the Holliday Inn, New Cumberland. Ryan is employed as an investment adviser at King Financial in Mifflintown, Pa. They live in Port Royal, Pa.

Christine Foster 'oı Zisa-a son,

2002

Born to Ryan '02 and Valerie Bodam '02 Franks, a daughter, Ella Susanne, Feb. 8. She joins big brother Dante. They live in Bethel Park, Pa.

Born to Jeff and Jessica Lambert 'oa Pennella, a daughter, Quinn Florence, Jan.; Jessica is teaching in the East Lycoming School District in Hughesville, Pa., and is certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. She received her certification last fall as an early childhood generalis.

Born to Matt Fatz 'oo and Amy Purcell 'o2, a son, Brady Purcell, April 5, 2010. They live in Wayne, Pa.

2003

Erin Howard '03 Coogan received her Master of Education degree in reading instruction K-12/reading specialist certification from Edinboro University.

Nick Ripatrazone '03 published a book of 61 prose poems titled Oblations. Although this is his first book, he has published more than 100 pieces, including poems, short stories and essays. He owes his interest in poetry to Gary Fincke, director of SU's Writers Institute and professor of English and creative writing. For the last eight years, Nick has taught advanced placement literature and creative writing at Bridgewater-Raritan Regional High School. He has been an adjunct professor at Rutgers University for two years, teaching contemporary American fiction and sports literature. He is pursuing a master's degree in creative writing at Rutgers.

2004

Addie Falger '04 married Ryan Lingle Sept. 25, 2010. She is a corporate event planner for Towers Watson in Arlington, Va. They live in Winchester, Va.

Born to Cody and Allyson Meabon '04 Harple, a daughter, Wilodene Maye, May 2010. They live in Middletown, R.I.

2005

Allison Hubbard '05 married Keith Hevey, She received a master's degree in special education from Lesley University in 2008. She is a special education teacher in the Somerville Public Schools. They live in Acton, Mass.

Born to Christopher and Gail Snowman '05 McVetty, twins, Jack Adam and Emalie Maeve. They live in Gorham, Maine.

STH REUNION

Katherine Beem '06 married James Benedict Oct. 16 on Artist's Bridge in Newry, Maine, A reception followed at the Bethel Inn and Resort in Bethel, Maine. Katherine is working toward her doctorate degree at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo.

Brad Deitsch '06 is the recipient of the 2011 Governor's Teacher Recognition Program award for Fort Lee School 3. The Award acknowledges teachers who exhibit outstanding performance, according to the State of New Jersey Department of Education.

2007

Born to Jeremy and Jessica Culp '07 Umbenhauer, a daughter, Emma Rae, March 17. They live in Newmanstown, Pa.

Devin Wintemute '07 graduated from New England School of Law and was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in December.

2008

Seth Napikoski '08 married Danielle Witherite Oct. 2 at St. John's Lutheran Church. Seth is employed as a credit analyst at Kish Bank, Reedsville, Pa, They live in Lewistown, Pa.

2010

Abigail Anderson '10 was named to a newly created position, corporate communications writer, at Turner Investments, an employee-owned investmentmanagement firm in Berwyn, Chester County. She lives in Norristown, Pa.

Tyler Wagner '11 is working for AmeriCorps National Civilian Corps (NCCC), a full-time, residential, national service program that addresses critical needs related to natural and other disasters, infrastructure improvement, environmental stewardship and conservation, energy conservation, and urban and rural development. Wagner is currently working in Flandreau, S.D., with the Turtle Island Learning Circle, the city of Flandreau, Flandreau Indian School and the Santee Sioux Indian Tribe. Prior to this, Wagner was assigned to Pretty Lake Vacation Camp in Mattawan, Mich.

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#### Cassandra Smolcic '06

"With a lot of hard work, you can accomplish anything."



Cassandra Smolcic '06 has used her Susquehanna education as a vehicle to achieve her dream job: working as a graphic artist for the famous Pixar Animation Studios in Emityville, Calif.

Smolcic, who graduated with a degree in creative writing and a minor in fine art, had wanted to be a Disney animator since age 6. Understanding that these dreams were a little unrealistic as she got older. Smolcic decided to pursue writing as an alternative art at Susquehanna University. When she enrolled in a computer arts class as an elective, however, Mark Fertig, department chair and associate professor of art, recognized her talent in graphic design. Throughout her SU career, Fertig continuously encouraged her to take graphic design courses.

After graduation, Smolcic followed Fertig's advice and enrolled in the Savannah College of Art and Design. where she earned her Master of Fine Arts degree in graphic design. Her connection to Pixar was established when a career service coordinator from the school contacted her about interviewing for a Pixar internship.

"It was an opportunity I just had to jump at," Smolcic said.

Her potential was recognized once again, Smolcic soon received word that Pixar had accepted her and a fellow graphic design student as summer interns at their studio in California, To prepare for the internship. Smolcic worked diligently on redesigning her portfolio to cater to the Pixar team and reading volumes about animation. Ultimately, her hard work paid off and she was hired full-time by the company. "I discovered that the cliché my grandmother had beaten into my head all those years was actually true; 'With a lot of hard work. you can accomplish anything."

Thoroughly enjoying her dream career, Smolcic is now doing graphic design work for an upcoming Pixar film. She's also worked on films such as Tay Story 3 and Cars 2, which was released this summer.

Charlatte Latz is a senior creative writing major and sociology minor from Sugarlaaf, Pa.

The Susquehanna University Alumni Association will hold its annual meeting and election during Homecoming Reunion Weekend 2011, Sept. 16–18. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m., prior to the Alumni Awards Banquet, in Evert Dining Hall of the Charles B. Degenstein Campus Center. All Susquehanna University alumni are invited to attend.

#### THE NOMINEES ARE

For one-year terms as officers of the Alumni Association:

President

Jeffrey D. Morgan '82, of Crownsville, Md.

First Vice President

Keith J. Costello '73, of Palmyra, Pa.

Second Vice President Tammy L. Fralley '92 Shearer, of Mechanicsburg, Pa.

For three-year terms as members-at-large to the Alumni Association:

Denise Ambrogio '90, of East Windsor, N.J.

Lynn Hassinger '57 Askew, of Selinsgrove, Pa.

Brandon Beaver '99, of Mt. Laurel, N.J.

Joyce A. Brown '73, of Camp Hill, Pa.

David M. Dumeyer '69, of Landisville, Pa.

Jeffrey S. Gicking '79, of Sugarloaf, Pa.

James P. Olson '82, of Sparta, N.J.

Heather Heath '93 Rowe, of Selinsgrove, Pa.

For two-year term as member-at-large to the Alumni Association:

Kyle Robertson '11, of Schwenksville, Pa.

#### Alumni Notes

- 1. Triple-digit birthday wishes to Amelia Krapf '33 Williams, who turns 100 on Sept. 28.
- 2. The SU Paanomas (SUP) Group recently took their first trip to Sethysburg While there, Lynn Burke '03, assistant director of residence life at Gettysburg College, gave the group a tour of the legendary haunted buildings on campus. Pictured are, left, to right, back row: Robert Palmer '11, Justin Schoener '11, Justin S
- 3. The SU Paranormal (SUP) Group also walked Pickett's Charge, Pictured are, left to right: Schmidt, Gadoury, Palmer, Moller, Makwinski, Schoener, DePeau and Eller.

## **Snapshots**



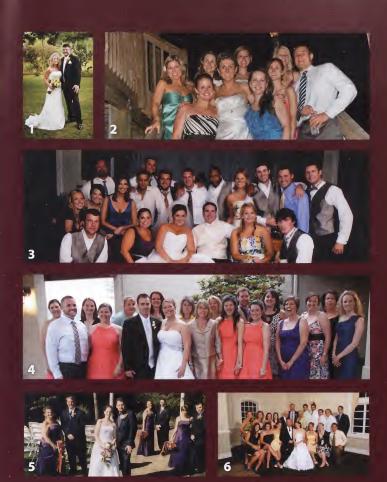




- 1. Amity Lavella '97 married Bradley Guzzie Sept. 11 at the Succop Conservancy in Butler, Pa. Amity is employed at Novartis Pharmaceuticals.
- Erin Costello '03 married Hayes Croushore May 12, 2010, in Buxton, N.C. Pictured, left to right, bottom row: Tracy Suprick '03, Erin, Sarah Stour '03; top row: Kathleen Gerger' 03, Courtney Bubenicek '03, Julie Augustin-Hankins '03, Libby McCardle '03, Jessica Paulshock '05 and Michael Maffel '03.
- 3. Christine Ermenville: OS married Nicholas Woody '04 Aug. 7, 2010, at the Park Saroy, Roham Pairk, N.J. Pictured are, left to right, top row. Chrissy Grafiell Trescange (%), Sara Lauver OB, Brian Neuwirth OF, Amer Sarakewick (6, Gri Duek '05, Shoh Krumpotch' 04, Ben Plum '05, Jeremy Deebel '05, Shaun Johnson' 04, Holly Holgate '05, Will Holt O4, Chris Fand' 04, Arin Ahnell '05; bottom row. Milk Trescange '04, Lauren DeMassico' OS, Christine and Nacholas annofie Hultin '07 dan do his Pume' 04.

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- 4. Kathor Mull '06 married David A. Hansel Il June S. 2010, at S. Paul's UC in Selengore R. A reception was held at the Suguehanna Valley Country Club. The bride graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in theate performance and earned a Master of Arts in theate the from Villanova University. She is employed by Lancaster General Hospital. He groom graduated from Penn State in 6005 with a degree in roll eligible of the groom graduate of the groom graduated via Penn Penn State in Color She had degree in Child eligible of She Penn Penn State in Canada She Richard and Leif to right: Eller Mull '04 Benge, Leihor Callaghor '05. Ejiha Bogoo' Hosp. Erica Lopachor's Dy. Sam Heim '08. David, Marie Graf '05. Kathryn, Tina Pontius '00, Wendy Lauer '80 Mull, Kathy Smith '78 Balley, Branda Lock' '05, Lance Melkeel' '05, Lockiyn Collier' (08, Sarah Thomas '05 Melecel, Emph Warthelt '05, Mary Arone '06, Killy Branda Lock' '05, Canada Andesson '05'.
- 5. Adam Rothenberg '07 married Nicole Rachau '07 Oct. 10 at Stroudsmoor Country Inn in Stroudshurg, Pa. A reception was held after the ceremony at the same venue. Alumni in the wedding party were Philip Coleman '07, Matthew Hess '07 and Rachel Hawley '07. Jason Sedgwick' '07 was also in attendance.
- 6. Ashley McConnaughhay '08 and Andrew Addison' (8 were married Aug. 7, 20.10. at Stokespy Castle in Reading, Pa. Pictured, left to right, top rove. Kristen Taylor '07, Kelly Grimmel' '08, Mandie Canaglialoi' (8), Best Alfixen '08, Dr. Lank Longaiser David Addison '78, Susan Masck-Addison '78, Buse Harner' (18, Theodore (T.C.) Clas' (50), Barnes Baulding '08, Jenney Welly Co. Pat McElly '07, Diston rove. Christier Public' '08, Lames Ground' (98, Jenney Welly Co.) Patton frove. Christier Public' '08, Lames Ground' (18, Patter Micro)' (19, Andrew and Arthey, Cassandra Blass' OB, Amber Hickok' (18 and file: Reighard Hickok' (18)).



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#### WASHINGTON, D.C.

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D.C. area alumni recently enjoyed a happy hour event at the Arlington Rooftop Bar & Grill and are looking forward to more casual summer gatherings, followed by some formal networking and service events this fall.

The Washington, D.C., Regional Alumni Chapter has welcomed the following new officers to its executive board: President Joshua Henry '01, Treasurer Ethan Ellenberger '09; Interim Marketing Director Lindsey McClenathan '05; and Special Assistant Ann Barrett '06. Many thanks to outgoing executive board officers for their time, energy and creativity: R.J. Martucci '06 as president; Kera Martuco '07 as vice president, and Krista Lundberg '06 as



#### **NEW YORK CITY**

The New York City Regional Alumni Chapter hosted two nearly back-toback events during the spring, On April 13, President L. Jay Lemons, Chief Diversity Officer Lisa Scott and Assistant Vice President for Gift Planning Doug Seaberg dined with several New York City alumni, after which they attended a Student-Alumni Speed Networking Session at the Park Central Hotel. Twenty students and 30 alumni also attended, and many good connections were made. On May 21, 30 recent SU alumni from the classes of 2001-2011 celebrated happy hour at Providence, a club in Manhattan.

The chapter is seeking to fill these positions: secretary, treasurer; membership coordinator; career services liaison; and Alumni and Parents Network (APAN) liaison. If interested, please respond to NYCAlumni@susqu.edu. As always, the chapter welcomes your input and suggestions!





#### **PITTSBURGH**

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The Pittsburgh Regional Alumni Chapter is still basking in the glow of the March 31 studentalumni networking event and visit by President L. Jay Lemons, Lisa Scott, chief diversity officer, and seven students who had expressed an interest in working in the Pittsburgh region following graduation. In addition to receiving valuable career advice, job leads and, in several cases, follow-up interviews, the students were treated to some fun sightseeing at the Duquesne Incline and the Camerue Science Center

The chapter is currently planning a possible theater outing or happy hour event for this summer.

The following executive board positions are open: marketing director; treasurer; career services liaison; and Alumni and Parents Network (APAN) liaison. Please express your interest. by contacting President Aaron Billger '91 at PittsburghAlumni@susgu.edu



### SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 14, 2012, FOR SU SE —a mega one-day service event for all students, alumni, faculty, staff a

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#### **CENTRAL PA**

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The Central Pennsylvania Regional Alumni Chapter spent a wonderful evening with about 30 alumni guests in the upstairs room at Duke's Bar & Grille in Wormleysburg, Pa., on May 6. For some, it was their first alumni event, and the consensus was that it was easy and a lot of fun to establish some new alumni ties while renewing old ones. Associate Professor of Accounting Jerry Habegger and Professor Emeritus George Machlan also attended and added greatly to the evening's merriment.

Mark your calendars for the next chapter event: a Summer Evening Lawn Concert at Nissley Winery, featuring The Boomers (Top 40, Classic to Current Rock). The event is scheduled for 7:30-10 p.m. Aug. 27, Check SU Bridge (www.sualum.com) for more information. A warm welcome to the chapter's incoming marketing director, Kristen Evans-Waughen '92, and many thanks to L. Roeg Williamson '98 for serving previously in that position.

The chapter is seeking a treasurer and an Alumni and Parents Network (APAN) liaison. If interested, please email President Gedd Schweikert '95 at HarrisburgAlumni@susgu.edu.





#### **NEW JERSEY**

The New Jersey Regional Alumni Chapter is in the process of planning a rafting excursion and separate happy hour event for this summer. Members also hope to include some informal sports outings and a networking event for the fall.

Current available chapter positions include career services liaison and Alumni and Parents Network (APAN) liaison. If you're interested in either or would like to become more involved with the chapter please contact President Ray Kalustyan '7B, at NJalumni@susgu.edu.







The Philadelphia Regional Alumni Chapter hosted 120 alumni an May 7 Phillies versus Atlanta Braves game and pre-game social. I maroon, along with the Phillies' signature red apparel, was seen good time was had by all. Coincidentally, Megan Shingara '11 retelevised proposal from her boyfriend that evening. Best wishes, I

The Philadelphia chapter recently welcomed the following new officers: Vice President Max Heller '03: Treasurer Kim Tavares '96 G bent); Membership Coordinator Trish Blanchard '94 Downey; Caree Marc McDonough '10; and Alumni and Parents Network (APAN) Li '69. Thank you to the following outgoing officers for their unstinting Franken '05 as vice president and Pam Streamer '65 as membershi

Plans for upcoming events include a possible comedy show

## In Memoriam

#### Charles "Rusty" D. Flack '76 · 1954-2011



Charles "Rusty" D. Flack '76, P '05, P '09, died May 26 from complications related to colon cancer. He was 56.

Husband of Susquehanna University Trustee Kathi Stine '76 Flack, Rusty was a successful business executive who knew what it was like to perform the humblest of tasks on his way to the top.

He was forced into leadership at a very young age after the untimely death of his father. Although he became chief executive officer of Diamond Manufacturing in

1979, he noted that while he joined a family business started by his great-grandfather, he was not a pampered protégé. The fourth-generation, family-owned business, founded in 1915, manufactured and sold perforated metal, plastic and other materials. As a teenager, Rusty had worked in the factory as a janilor and then went on to working on machinery. Following his graduation from Susquehanna, the microeconomics major returned to the company. Working with his brother, Harold, he grew it to become North America's leading and largest perforator of metals and other materials.

In 2005, Susquehanna honored Rusty with the Alumni Achievement Award, in recognition of his accomplishments in business, his involvement in community service and his contributions to his alma mater. In addition to supporting the university through service on committees such as the Sigmund Weis School of Business Advisory Council, Rusty provided internship opportunities for Susquehanna students and strengthened the university's relationship with Wyoming Seminary, a private school for which he served as chair of the board of directors.

During a 2005 interview with Susquehanna Today, the predecessor to Susquehanna Currents magazine. Rusty said that his proudest "achievements" were his children, Charles III (Chad) '05, and twins, Jamie Ann and Alex '09. He also claimed that the best part of his Susquehanna experience was meeting his wife, Kathi, whom he called his best friend, partner and the love of his life.

#### Richard W.H. "Koz" Kozlowski • 1954-2011



Richard "Koz" Kozlowski '75, longtime professor of physics at Susquehanna, died on July 12 in Arizona. He was 57.

Known as "Koz" by colleagues and students, he was a belowed teacher, known for his accessibility and his willingness to serve as a mentor to his own students, as well as those from other disciplines. His commitment to teaching was recognized in 1989 when he received the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching

(now The Susquehanna University Award for Distinguished Teaching). A year earlier, he was recipient of The John C. Horn Distinguished Service Lectureship.

Also a disciplined researcher, Koz is credited with Susquehanna's involvement in the University of Arizona's NASA Joint Venture project, which partnered Susquehanna faculty with University of Arizona astronomens, Professor of Physics Fred Grosse said the partnership "provided a great opportunity for a small school like Susquehanna to be involved in world-class research." Koz offen took students to Arizona to participate in the research.

He was the consummate faculty member, who believed in putting students first. Kozk approach earned him the respect of his students and his faculty colleagues. He was beloved and his death creates a woid for the university community. Lucien T. Wingar, dean of the School of Natural and Social Sciences, said he was "the kind of role model that can continue to be an inspiration to us all."

Former student Jeff Ries '86 said his onetime teacher and longtime friend left a lasting impression. "He told me 'you can do anything you want in life, you just do it' All through my life, I've taken that approach. Koz provided me with guidance for a career, but more importantly, for the overall game of life."

Amy Kastner '97 Barley and her father, Bill, are working with the university to initiate a fundraising effort that would establish a scholarship in Kosk memory. In addition, faculty, staff and alumni are planning a campus memorial service, tentatively scheduled for Sept. 15, and an event honoring Koz during Homecoming Reunion Weekend, Sept. 16–18. Visit www.sualum.com for more details as they become available.

#### Deaths

Mary Ann "Mollie For '37 Wagenseller, Bridgeville, Pa., Nov. 21.

John H. Updegrove '40, Aug. 15, 2010.

Naomi Himes '41 Fisher, Newport, Pa., Jan. 15, 2010. She was a retired accountant with Montgomery County (Md.) Department of Human Resources and a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Newport, She enjoyed reading, knitting and sheltie dogs.

Elaine Miller '41 Hunt, Winston-Salem, N.C., April 4. After graduation from Waymart High School, she attended Scranton-Lackawanna Business College and worked for a time at the International Correspondence School. After graduating from Susquehanna University, she taught in Unadilla (N.Y.) High School. She was a member of Kappa Delta Phi sorority. Upon retirement, Dr. and Mrs. Hunt moved to River Hills at Lake Wylie, S.C., and then moved to Arbor Acres in 1988, There she was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church and of Chapter P, P.F.O. She enjoyed gardening, reading and walking. Wherever she lived, she readily made friends. She was known for the smile on her face, the help from her hands and the quiet goodness from her faith-full life.

LaVerne Kohn '45 Mahony, Sacramento, Calif., Feb. 25. She taught at Lower Camden County Regional High School, where she was the class adviser to the Class of 1949. In 2009, she was honored and delighted to attend the 60th Class Reunion. Playing bridge with numerous friends and entertaining in her home were her favorite activities. An excellent cook, LaVerne won many prizes at the California State Fair for her delicious jams, jellies and pickles. For years she was a docent at the California Railroad Museum and also at the Governor's Mansion, where she was wellknown for her historically accurate portrayals of California's first ladies. Frequently she was the featured speaker at community organizations in these roles. Additionally, LaVerne was an active member of and volunteer for the Assistance League of Sacramento.

Grace Billow '49 Reinholds, Libertyville, Pa. She worked as a social worker in Chicago at Lutheran churches and settlement houses, and she retired from Glenview Junior High in 1969 to raise her daughter. She is survived by her nephews, Mark Billow '80 and Timothy Billow'88

Zola Robinson '50 Amig, Camp Hill, Pa., Feb. 23. She retired as an English teacher at Lemoyne Middle School in the West Shore School District

J. Norman White '51, Gulf Breeze, Fla., April 26. He served in the navy during WWII on the USS Lexington in the South Pacific, Following the war, he graduated from Susquehanna University. After spending most of his life in Pennsylvania working for Aetna Life and Casualty, he was transferred to Gulf Breeze in 1980. and retired in 1992.

Gene Fenstermacher '52, Sunbury, Pa., Feb. 17, After graduating from Northumberland High School in 1941, Gene enlisted in the Army Air Force on Dec. 4, 1941, just three days before the attack on Pearl Harbor Gene served for three years in the South Pacific on Fiji, Solomon and Philippine islands as a crew chief in the 70th Fighter Squadron, otherwise known as the "White Knights" of the 13th Air Force Division. Gene was honorably discharged on Aug. 29. 1945, as a technical sergeant.

While earning a Bachelor of Science degree at Susquehanna, he played fullback and linebacker for the Susquehanna Crusaders for four years. He played on the undefeated team of 1951-52, and was honored to have been coached by the late co-coaches Amos Alonzo Stagg and Amos Alonzo Stagg Jr. Known as "Pappy" to his teammates, Gene was known for his tough play by teammates and opponents alike. In his first collegiate game he knocked the opposing quarterback out cold on the first play from scrimmage. He earned honorable mention all state honors and was selected as a charter member of the Susquehanna University Hall of Faine in 1967. He was also voted to the top 100 football players in the first 100 years of Crusaders football in 1999. Gene also played center field for the university baseball team under the late coach Bob Bastress.

Gene continued to play baseball with the Northumberland As amateur baseball team in the West Branch League and softball with local teams for 15 years. He was an avid sports fan, and loval to the L.A. Dodgers, Penn State Nittany Lions, Philadelphia Eagles and, of course, the Susquehanna Crusaders,

Gene worked as an expediter for Westinghouse in New Jersey and retired as a quality control inspector in the lab of Celotex Corp., Sunbury, in 1986.

Lorraine Rarick '52 Liddington, Convent Statton, N.I., March 5. She was a teacher for many years at Chatham High School and a member of the Chatham United Methodist Church. She is survived by her husband, George Liddington '54, and her sister, Jean Rarick '53 Detwiler.

Kenneth Orris '53, Middleburg, Pa., June 2. He served in World War II as a radioman second class in the Navy and was honorably discharged in April 1946. Ken taught music in the Midd-West School District for 34 years. He took the band on many trips to Wash ington D.C., and Annapolis, Md., when he taught senior high school. He enjoyed giving private lessons to some of his students and his granddaughters. He also plaved for over 40 years in the Sunbury City Band and the Selinsgrove Adult Band, helping to raise money for the American Cancer Society. He will also be remembered for directing the Community Christmas Choir and the Bi-Centennial Chorus. He was an active member of the Middleburg Retired Persons, served as president of the Snyder County School Retirees from 1993 to 1995, and was a member of the Middleburg Borough Council. He was very active in his church, where he directed the choir for over 40 years, was church treasurer and served several times on the church consistory. He is survived by his son, Dale Orris '75.

Donald Sheldon '53, Arlington, Va., March 23. He received his master's degree in 1954 from Hofstra University, sharing the event with his mother, who received her degree on the same date. He was awarded his doctorate in microbiology by Purdue University in 1960. He served in the Army from 1954 to 1956. He had a lifetime of government service, working in the Washington, D.C., area for the Central Intelligence Agency, the Institute for Defense Analyses, the Executive Office of the President. Office of Science and Technology, and Drug Enforcement Administration. Following his retirement in 1988, Don moved to Selinsgrove, where he lived until he moved to RiverWoods in July. Don was active in community affairs, serving for many years on the Selinsgrove Borough Council, including a term as president. He was a member of the Shamokin Dam Lions Club, the Dauntless Hook & Ladder Company, the Selinsgrove Chamber of Commerce and the Susquehanna Valley Country Club. He enjoyed attending Susquehanna University football games and other campus events. He was an avid follower of New York sports teams and the

#### Deaths

Washington Redskins. Don and Mary Ellen enjoyed their visits to foreign countries, and both were excellent cooks. Both enjoyed cooking recipes learned on their travels, and they loved to entertain. He is survived by daughter and son-in law Elizabeth Sheldon '79 and Glenn Cooley '77.

Recerly E. Pechr '56. Lewstsown, Pa., Inly 22. She retired as librarian at Middleburg foint High School, now Midd-West High School, where she served for a total of 34 years. She was a member of the Middleburg Beta Sigma Phi: chapter for 50 years and the Ground Observers corps during the 1950s. She was also a former member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Mound Plessant Mills, the Fremont Fire Company auxiliary and the Loyal Order of Mose Auxiliary, Middlebure.

Donald E. Rook '56, Mena, Ark, August 10, 2010. Feven at a young age, he was a collector by nature, starting with stamps and coins as a child. At the age of 12, he saw has first Packard and realized that was what he really wanted to collect. Don was known for his low of Chrysler Febr. He was a member of the Chrysler 300 Club, and his favorite car was his 1965 yellow convertible Chrysler 300.

He loved to work outside, building trails, cutting word and groundskeeping at the Raspherry Manor Bed and Breatfast that he and his wife, Kathy, owned and operated. Some of Doris hobbies included collecting cars, license plates, one-of-a-kinds, turtles and ducks. He was very proud of his car collection. He worked with major dectric motor companies in sales until he started his own company, RF Leterical Repairs and Sales in 1972. Two years later be purchased William Hendrickson lire.

Audrey Kellert '62 Yeingat, Hanover, Mass, lune 3, 2010. She worked for many years in the children's room of the local library, where she developed the story hour and summer reading programs. She left the library to teach preschool classes at the Latheran Nursery School, which is a part of the Lutheran Church of the Cross in Hanover. She taught and served as curriculum coordinator for 25 years. She is survived by her husband. Ray Yugast '59.

Wendy Walkins '63 Landmesser, Shavertown, Pa., May 3. She was employed in executive positions by the Wyoming National Bank and General Motors Acceptance Corporation. For 19 years, she owned and operated L&W Associates, a jewelry distribution business. For 10 years prior to retirement, she was the office manager for Dr. Watkins and Medura Dental Center.

Nancy Hess '63 Walker, Manasquan, N.J., Feb. 1. She was a purchasing agent for National Medical Care for many years before retiring. She is survived by her son, Craig Walker '92.

William B. Jones '64, Jensen Beach, Fla., April 25. He was a math teacher, supervisor and vice principal in the Union County Regional School District for 38 years, mostly at Jonathon Dayton High School in Springfield, N.I. He later taught at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, N.J. He was also a football and track coach and a founding member of T.F.U.B.R. Association, a fraternal order of educators, His civic activities included being a member of the Green Brook Lion's Club, the Plainfield (N.I.) Jerusalem Lodge No. 26 Order of the Free & Accepted Masons, and the Green Brook School Board. He was vice president of D.V.R.A. of Tamaqua and Fairwinds Cove Condo Association in Jensen Beach.

Joanne Hatt '67 Fowler, Alva, Jila, April 24. She was a partner and comptroller for Fowler Construction and Development, a broker for Fowler Real Estate, and a volunteer member of numerous organizations, including Conservation 20/20 and Kappa Delta Sorority, where she helped form a new chapter at Florida Gulf Coast University, she is survived by her busband, Robert Fowler '67.

William F. Livengood '67, Arlington, Va., April R. A Vietnam weteran who served in the Army, he was an active member of the American Legion and an avid traveler. He enjoyed walking and physical fitness, attending cultural events, reading world history and dining at "good" restaurants.

Couldron Phillips "Buzz" Mitchell '67, Tampa, Fla, March 28. Buzz worked for Bethlehem Steel in Briblidelphia office until 1969, when he returned to Selinsgrowe. In the 1970s and early 1980s, he was employed as a social worker at the Selinsgrowe Center until he left the area to live in Tampa in 1983. From then until the present, he was employed in the hospitality sector, meeting many celebrities who visited the Tampa area. He was a member of the Phillips family, of which 80 members or more graduated from Susquehanna University from the early 1900s. He is survived by first cousin David Edgard Hutchison, Jr. '61; second cousin Barbara Adams '65 Brownlee. second cousin F. Raymond Adams '69; sister Mary "Polly" Mitchell '71 Savidge; brotherin-law Dalton "Buzz" William Savidge '72; second cousin Larry Hutchison '78; and Larry's sons, Justin '06 and Jan '10 Hutchison,

David Botts '69, Palm Harbor, Fla., Dec. 15. He is survived by his sister, Rebecca Botts '78 Schaefer.

Richard Grubb '75. Selinsgrowe, Pa., Feb. 23. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Susquehanna University in pre-med and psychology and his Master of Arts in gernotological counseling from Hood College. Frederick, Md. Richard served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, where he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with one star, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device and the Rille Marksnan Badge. He was employed as a senior account executive by AMP Inc./Tyco, where he received the President's Excellence Award in 1996. He is survived by his sister, Susan Grubb '5 Tackson.

Elizabeth Zak '75, Rutherford, N.J., Jan. 28. She was employed for many years in brokerage in New York City and more recently as a retail data analyst. She was a lifelong member of the Polish National Union of America (Spojnia) Branch 5 Tadeusz Kosciuszko Society.

John Buntemeyer '76, Lakeville, Minn., Feb. 6, He pursued a 35-year career with Marriott International. He was an amateur hockey player and avid hockey coach. He worked for others in his personal life, as well as in his professional life, where he served on the board of Ronald McDonald House and raised funds for Children's Miracle Network.

Jeanmarie Widmer '85 Steinman, Marina Del Ray, Callif., March 29. She worked as an insurance underwriter for AIG in New York City and Los Angeles. She was an avid runner and ran in the New York City Marathon. She also enjoyed boating.

Holly Kensicki '01 Lind, New York City, March 1. After college, she held successful positions with the pre-eminent brands of Mars Candy and Rockstar video games.

## **End Notes**

#### Our Intellectual Inheritance By Patrick Henry '08



Toward the end of Virginia Woolf's To the Lighthouse, Lity Briscoe, a painter, reflects on a dinner party that occurred more than a decade earlier. It was before the sudden death of Mrs. Ramsay influenced so many of the novel's characters, and these considerations empower Lify, allowing her to touch brush to canvas and to fulfill her artistic vision. As Lify mulls over Mrs. Ramsay's role, Woolf writes that Life 'was not one. The woolf was not one would be worth the woolf was one would be worth the worth the worth of woolf woolf was one would worth the worth of woolf worth one worth

role, Woolf writes that Lily "was not inventing; she was only trying to smooth out something she had been given years ago folded up; something she had seen."

Daily, Susquehanna alumni unfold the lessons and values we observed during our college years—an intellectual inheritance, like Mrs. Ramsay's ability to motivate Lily beyond death. I returned to campus the last weekend of April for an event that celebrates this tradition, the Gene R. Urey Scholarship Competition. The competition recalls the sharp intellect and altruism of the late Gene Urey, professor of political science from 1965 to 1999. Two current students, selected from Associate Professor of Political Science Michele DeMary's constitutional law classes, present oral arguments on a current Supreme Court case to a panel of indees consisting of Professor Ure's former students.

During the dinner following this year's competition, several alumni related anecdotes about how Urey influenced their lives. Bill Lewis '86 related how Urey fielded students' reactions to jurists' written opinions on Supreme Court cases. Students vocalized their positions, and Urey interrogated them on the nuances of their statements, forcing them to stake out stances and avoid waffling interpretations. Urey's protégés concurred that they each carried this invaluable lesson with them, into their careers and into their lives.

Yet the stories of Urey transcend the limitations of a student teacher relationship. His former students commented at length about his generosity and willingness to assist his students outside of class—advising them on classes, law school and their lives. This compassion is the soul of Susquehanna, and our education in those hallowed red brick buildings is an academic metempsychosis, infusing us with that spirit.

It begins with the people, Jim Blessing '63, professor of political science emeritus, who passed in January, was one of those iconic individuals for generations of Susquehanna students. He became notorious for the difficulty of his written exercises and his legendary chalkboard diagrams—scrawf enclosed in blocks, tethered together with straggling lines, the yarn-nettled mess outlining the complexity of the European Union During the three years I spent as a student worker for the political science department, Blessing revealed the method behind his rapidly rendered charts: He drew them to slow himself down, so that his students could take his lectures in stride. It was not enough for him that we simply know the information; we needed to grapple with the practical titles of a Marxist solution or consider whether human beings, as John Locke contended, are actually rational creatures.

His concern for students, though, was a humanism beyond any of the political philosophies he taught. While my oldest brother, a Marine, was serving in Iraq, Blessing listened as I voiced my concerns, my fears and my worries. He critiqued the succession of deathtrap ears I was driving, and he advised me to buy a cap for the winter months—an accessory that has since become part of my personal cliché. As he connected many of my pers with alumni, he proved one of his adages for students—"There's life after Susuuchanus"

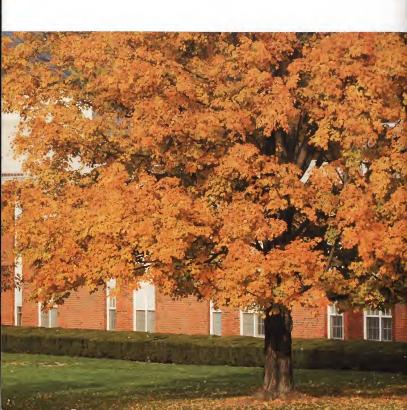
Like many of Blessing's former students. I could easily compile an anthology of his antics, wity turns of phrase and compassionate gestures. But I could assemble a similar codex of generosity from my relationships with other faculty members—from my work under Professor of English Laurence Roth on Modern Language Studies and teaching assistantships with creative writing professors Gary Finche and Tom Bailey for the Summer Advanced Writers Workshop, to research assistantships on state supreme courts and the Centralia mine fire under Michele DeMary, and a British literature reading group with Associate Professor of English Susan Bowers and two fellow students, Lisa Shaffer '08 and Ross Wincegardner' '09.

The air at Susquehanna contains something that infuses our lungs, warms us and tells us to pay this kindness forward. Teaching in the writing program at Rutgers-Newark, I channel these examples, prioritizing students' readings of texts in the classroom while opening my office door and offering my services as a mentor and guide to the freshmen's tumultuous shift to college life. Lending my ear and my advice is a small service, hardly one that will shift the world, but it is homage to those who have influenced me.

Though there is, as Blessing adamantly asserted, life after Susquehanna, that existence began with a Susquehanna education. And unlike Lily Briscoc's ruminations on Mrs. Ramsay, I didn't require a decade to discover that generosity and compassion are the Susquehanna spirit. I see it in emalls with my mentors, and I observe its reemactment during events such as the Urey competition. Like Lily Briscoc, though, I am not inventing: I am merely unfolding these memories so that, like so many thoughts written down, they can be smoothed out and passed on to others. For as long as this generosity circulates, Susquehanna and its compassionate soul will spirit across generations. ~



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## First Word

#### **Changing Currents**

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"Currents magazine is intended to keep you, our readers, informed about Susquehanna. Consider it a letter of sorts, a letter that shares the Susquehanna story."

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Susquehanna is a "hidden gem of a university". This is how Michelle "Chelle" McIntyre-Brewer '01 describes her alma matter. The 2011 recipient of the Presidential Citizens Medal (See related story, p. 10.) says that, although her journey has taken her far and wide, her heart has stayed with Susquehanna, a place that prepared her well to compete confidently in an increasingly complex world. Chelle's comments are an endorsement 1 hear often in the countless letters I receive from alumni who write to say "thank you," to tell me about their experiences here, and to share how those experiences have changed their lives.

Results of research commissioned by the university, as well as our own research, show time and again that five years out our alumni give Susquehanna high marks, both in terms of the academic and the social experience. In fact, nearly 94 perent of them say they would likely attend Susquehanna if they had to start their undergraduate experience all over again. An even greater percentage say they would recommend the university to a high school student. Moreover, a recent survey by the Annapolis Group, a consortium of Americal leading liberal arts colleges including Susquehanna, found that graduates of residential liberal arts colleges feel more prepared than their counterparts for the job market, for graduate and professional schools, and for life in general.

Currents magazine is intended to keep you, our readers, informed about Susquehanna and all the ways that we are helping students prepare for life after college, Consider it a letter of sorts, a letter that shares the Susquehanna story. Those of you who know us well understand that story, Some of its elements are more easily left than articulated, and others are reflected in the students, faculty, staff and alumni who are members of the university family.

Because we want to ensure the magazine meets your needs, we have made some changes in response to our most recent readership survey. We are thankful for those of you who took the time to complete the survey and are hoping that you see in these changes a response to your feedback.

Io satisfy the wishes of more than 67 percent of readership survey respondents who said they prefer to read the magazine in print and love the articles and photos, we are streamlining class notes and modestly condensing articles in an effort to present more stories and

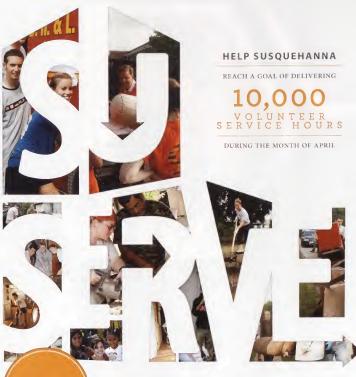
accompanying visuals. By encouraging alumni to seek out expanded class notes information on the online alumni network, SU Bridge (www.sualum.com), we hope you will find even more reasons and ways to engage with your alma mater.

Our editorial lineup is determined with you in mind. In this issue, you will read about the success of some of our women science graduates (See story, p. 4). Know that for every woman featured here, there are many others who left Susquehanna and went on to lead lives of significant achievement, leadership and service. If only we had the room to highlight them all.

I invite you to read on. I am sure you will be impressed with what you see. I also invite you to visit our website at www.susqu.edu, where the Susquehanna story, rich as it is, continues to unfold. ~

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The last three decades have been rather promising ones for women entering the world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). According to the National Science Foundation, the number of women pursuing STEM careers has grown significantly since the 1970s. Consider that in 1977 fewer than 78,000 women were enrolled as granted students in science and engineering. By 2008 that figure climbed to more than 232,000, and there's every indication the trend will continue.

Susquehanna is certainly no stranger to this movement. Over the last 50 years, the university has graduated some of the most successful and celebrated women in STEM fields.

"Back when I first started teaching, the thinking was that hadies just didn't belong in chemistry and physics," recalls Professor of Physics Fred Grosse, who joined the university's faculty in 1960 and will retire in May after 52 years of teaching, "I don't know why, but it was just assumed that women weren't supposed to be in those fields. All that has changed, and there are some really fantastic women who have made it happen."

According to Lucien T. Winegar, dean of the School of Natural and Social Sciences, women have played—and continue to play—a vital role in the university's science programs.

"We are very proud of our record of accomplishment when it comes to women in science at Susquehanna," says Winegar. "We have a large and strong contingent of women on our own faculty, a history that stretches back quite a while. And we can also claim some very accomplished women in science as far back as the 1960s."

What follows are profiles of six outstanding women who graduated from Susquehanna and went on to make great strides in STEM fields.





It was sometime during her second year at Susquehanna that Marie Burns fell in love. With scientific research, that is.

It was sometime during net section by ear at usagemann and water units are in over-vitin activation to each of the summer following he sophomore year, Burns, a biochemistry major, took part in an internship with Tom McGrath, now a professor emeritus of chemistry. She helped him develop a novel organic synthesis method for a major chemical company. In subsequent summers, Burns worked at the Weis Center for Research at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pa., and for Professor of Richor Professor and Company and Comp

of Biology Peggy Peeler on sea urchin development.

When a polying the knowledge and basic principles Id learned in class with my own two hands and the anticipation of getting the results of an experiment that could not be fully predicted, "recalls Burns, 41. "Im still an Oh wow, how amazing! junkie. Nature

is stranger and more fascinating than the most imaginative fiction."

Today Burns is a professor of cell biology, human anatomy and ophthalmology at The University of California, Davis. Her research focuses on mammalian photoreceptors—the rods and cones in the eye that capture light and mediate the first steps in vision—and nearly all of her work has important implications for the mechanisms that cause most forms of blindness.

"To this day I still experience that same rush that comes with scientific discovery," says Burns.

In addition to the invaluable academic influence Susquehanna had on her career, Burns also says the university helped her appreciate an even more important life lesson—namely, how to balance her professional ambitions with her desire to one day be a mother.

"That no female role models at that time in the sciences. Then, during my sophomore year, Peggy Peeler was hired, and the year after that, she had her second child. Watching her carry, deliver and then care for that baby as a new assistant professor inspired me that it could be done," recalls Burns." I knew I wouldn't have to leave behind the whole of my geader or my personality to be a good scientification.



## dawn MUELLER, m.d. '68

When she entered medical school in 1968, Dawn Grigg Mueller's class of 127 students included just eight women. This was nothing new to Mueller who at Susquehanna had been the only woman in her class of six chemistry majors.

"I suspect that spending countless hours in labs and working on projects together with the men helped prepare ne for my interactions in medical school," recalls Mueller, 65, who served as associate professor of pediatrics at Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Medicine in Richmond, Va., and attending physician for the university health system's neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) for 20 wars before criting in 1998.

Mueller's scientific journey began in high school, when she knew she wanted to become a doctor. During her years at Susquehanna, she remained focused on that goal and, once in medical school, she settled on pediatric.

"I had no interest in bench research," she says. "Probably because of all the lovely afternoons I had already spent in labs at Susquehanna with enticing come-hither breezes wafting through the windows as I sweated over yet another puzzling question."

Mueller, vice chair of Susquehanna's Board of Trustees, says she was attracted to neonatology because in the mid-1970s it was a relatively new specialty with "exciting, ever-changing and improving treatments to impact the care of critically ill newborns." Her clinical work, combined with teaching, proved very satisfying for the Philadelphia-area native, who noted it was a love of biology that motivated her to be a doctor, but she learned empathy as a NICU physician.

"Families of hospitalized newborn infants are overwhelmed with apprehension and feelings of helplessness. Seeking out visiting parents each day to listen to their concerns, answer their questions, and offer support was just as important to me as managing their children's medical problems. There truly is an art and a science to the practice of medicine."

The road to a successful medical career wasn't always easy. Mueller noted that she was challenged during her years at Susquehanna. "In a story already familiar to many on the SU campus, my faculty adviser, Dr. Tom McGrath, told me that he didn't think that I would make a good doctor," recalls Mueller. "He intended it as a challenge and I took it as such. Needless to say, he caught my attention, and I have always wondered what would have happened had that conversation with him never occurred."

Reflecting back on her career, Mueller says the advances made in neonatal care over the last several decades have been nothing short of amazing. But even more amazing was seeing the onetime infants she had cared for later return for reunions. "I'll never forget the time that one mother brought her 16-year-old son back on the day of his birthday to meet me and to see the NICU where he was hospitalized."



LOTAL PRIMAK M.D. '90

Five years ago, Lara Primak made one of the most difficult choices of her life when she decided to leave clinical mediinc to pursue a career as a medical writer, which ultimately led to her current position at ETHOS Health Communications in Newtown, Pa. It was 2006 and Primak had been practicing medicine since 1994.

"I just felt like I took my work home with me too much," says Primak, 44. "I began to feel like I was overthinking ererything.—splning my wheels a lot of the time. Ultimately, I felt like this inability to trust myself could potentially have an adverse impact on the care I was delivering to my patients. That's when I knev I had to move on."

And move on she did. As a medical writer, Primak is responsible for developing copy for various medical communications, including journal articles, on behalf of pharmaceutical clients. What makes her work most rewarding is the opportunity to reach out to various audiences, considering what they might find most germane and understanding how to package that information into an article that resonates and has impact.

"When I contribute to the development of an article that informs and educates, with the ultimate goal of improving patient care, that's exciting," she says.

It's been a unique journey for Primak, and she says the experience has taught her the value of trusting her instincts when it comes to personal happiness and professional fulfillment.

"I struggled with leaving clinical medicine. I had invested so much, was good of what I'dd, and I believed that what I was doing was too noble to walk away from," says Primak. "But the bottom line was that I was unhappy and correhelmed. I det mottonally and spritually spent. When you get to that point, you can't be of much benefit to anyone, much less yourself.

In many ways Primak attributes this realization to her years at Susquehanna, where she says she was never "pigeon-holed as a chemistry major or someone who wanted to be a doctor." Her undergraduate experience was varied, dimensional and holistic.

"I believe the range of my educational and other experiences at SU was instrumental in shaping me into the person I am today," she says.

## jayanthi WOLF



Growing up in Africa, Jayanthi Jayawardena Wolf didn't know if she would ever get the chance to pursue her passion for science. Wolf knew she wanted to study science since high school, but there were very limited opportunities for higher education in her home country, and her family could not afford to send her to college overseas.

So she focused all the more intently on her academic success, which eventually paid off. Upon graduating from high school, Wolf was awarded an international student scholarship from Susquehanna, which enabled her to study science in the United States and eventually travel down a career path that she says "has exceeded my expectations."

At Just 36, Wolf currently works as associate director of biologics safety assessment at Merck Research Laboratories in West Point, Pa. She manages a group of 19 scientists who support both the research and manufacturing divisions in order to test the safety of new vaccines.

She also actively participates in several drug development teams comprised of individuals from multiple disciplines working together to develop potentially therapeutic products—all the way from the laboratory bench through lafety and efficacy studies, and eventually to licensing.

"it's very exciting to be working on potential therapies that cond i improve human life in the near future," says Wolf. This portual arry rewarding to learn about the real-life benefits to individuals when a therapy becomes a marketed product." Part to starting her career at Merck, Wolf majored in bioch mistry at Susquehanna and then went on to study collinar immunology and molecular biology at Princeton Oriversity, where she received her doctorate degree in 2001,

"My undergraduate education in the life sciences at Susquehama gawe me a solid foundation for graduate chool and beyond," says Wolf, "The nutruring environent at Susquehanna also encouraged me to explore arcentistide my scientific niche. For example, participating in thivities and becoming an officer in serial clust and wintere groups enabled me to developme of the organiza-mal and leadership skills that I continue to use in my unagement position today."



When Jennifer Wolny Shurtleff left for college in 1992, she thought she was going to become a geneticist. Everything changed, however, when she enrolled in biology professor Jack Holt's Plants, Protists and Fungi course, a precursor to today's Systematic Biology class.

had never considered the world of botany before this class," recalls Wolny, 37.

"Once I did, I was hooked on the hidden complexity of chlorophyll-bearing organisms."
That hook has led Wolny to an exciting career as a research faculty member at the
University of South Florida, where she focuses on the bloom dynamics of harmful algooften called red tides. Over the last several years, Wolny has been focusing on the use of remote-sensing technologies to track the movement of these harmful organisms. The goal is to one day be able to create what she calls "a bloom forecast." Despite the enormity of the task, Wolny says she is still fascinated by the simplest elements of her field.

"Any time I get to observe phytoplankton with a microscope is exciting," she says. "The intricate beauty of single-celled microscopic organisms is amazing."

Wolny says almost every step of her academic experience at Susquehanna prepared her for the work she does today. While studying at the university, she was given the opportunity to conduct research alongside faculty members in the biology and earth and environmental sciences departments, which gave her a competitive advantage when seeking admission to graduate school.

"Above all else, I cannot say enough about Susquehanna's commitment to ensuring its students know how to write for their chosen field," says Wolny. "I left knowing how a scientific paper should be assembled and acquired the skills to do so. Now that I'm in a position to hire and supervise employees, interns and volunteers, I see so many young graduates that lack this skill and cannot effectively communicate

even at the basic level, let alone at the professional level."

Ashley Shade's passion for microbiology can be traced back to an underground mine fire that's been burning since 1962 beneath Centralia, a former Pennsylvania coal town.

When she was an undergraduate student at Susquehanna. Shade had her first research experience under the direction of biology professor Tammy Tobin, who studies bacteria living in the hot soils of the abandoned town.

She mentored me in microbiology research to understand the effects of the underground mine fire on soil microorganisms," recalls Shade, a Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation postdoctoral fellow of the Life Sciences Research Foundation at Yale University. "It was a fascinating system, and I've been addicted to microbial ecology ever since

As a microbial ecologist, Shade asks questions about microorganisms in nature and the role they play in the Earth's cycles. For example, she recently finished analyzing data from an experiment she conducted in an apple orchard. Shade wanted to figure out what microorganisms inhabited apple flowers and whether their composition was altered when farmers sprayed a common antibiotic on apple trees.

"As I was interpreting the results, I became quite giddy because as far as I knew, I was the first person who had this information," says Shade, 29. "It was exciting to discover something new about a system that is so seemingly common-apple trees. Microbial ecology is full of exciting first-time discoveries like this."

Coming from a small town in rural Pennsylvania, Shade didn't know any scientists when she chose her biology major at Susquehanna. She credits much of her success to the mentors she had while studying here, including Tobin and fellow biology profes-



sors Iack Holt and David Richard, who guided Shade through study experiences abroad in Russia and Australia.

"My liberal arts background from SU is an asset for research, teaching and collaboration, as broad-ranging perspectives enhance these pursuits," says Shade. "There are so many examples of how Susquehanna helped me to grow as a scientist, and I am extremely grateful."

WEB EXTRA: Read more about Susquehanna's women in the sciences from a panel discussion on the topic at www.susqu.edu/stemwomen.



#### to Enhance Diversity in Science Programs

In the fall, Susquehanna's science programs received some excitting news: They would receive a substantial grant from the National Science Foundation to provide financial support for academically qualified students who have been historically underrepresented in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

The S-STEM grant will provide close to \$600,000 over the next four years for the university's Broadening Intensive Opportunities for Scholarship (BIOS) program, allowing Susquehanna to extend science scholarships, summer orientation, mentoring, advising, and opportunities for research and internships to select students with financial need.

"We have long been interested in gaining additional attention for our science programs and, at the same time, extending opportunities to students who might not otherwise have them," says Lucien T. Winegar, dean of the School of Natural and Social Sciences.

"We already have an especially active science faculty and do an outstanding job in the area of the sciences. This will help take that to yet another level."

According to Winegar, Susquehanna will admit 10 new high achieving students each year over the next three years. They will be recruited as a cohort of biology majors, complete work together over the summer, and share various classes, labs and activities throughout their time at Susquehanna. The first group is currently being recruited and will begin working together this summer.

Since the grant doesn't cover the full cost for 30 students to attend the university over four years, the program will receive supplemental funding from other sources. Susquehanna's Center for Teaching and Learning will offer faculty training for mentorships, instruction and opportunities for participating students to learn outside the classroom.

Based on the initial cohort's success, the potential exists for Susquehanna to apply for additional grant funding in subsequent years.

In addition to strengthening the university's science programs, Winegar says the initiative further illustrates the importance of diversity in STEM fields. "First of all, there's a moral imperative for diversity. If you believe in the value of higher education, you need to do whatever you can to increase access to all citizens, not just those who are privileged," he says. "Moreover, there are now years of evidence that make it overwhelmingly clear that learning in diverse environments is good for everyone."



# Alife

MICHELLE "CHELLE" MCINTYRE-BREWER'01 sits on the living room floor of her Jefferson, Md., home, playing with sock monkeys and singing Ten Little Monkeys fumping on the Bed with her three children—Cavan, 10; Lorelei, 6; and JoJo, 4. It's a rainy January afternoon, and she's taken a break from the day's homeschooling to talk about her life and the journey that, two-and-a-half months earlier, transported her to the East Room of the White House and a face-to-face encounter with President Barack Obama.



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It's a journey that can be summed up in a singular interaction with Cavan, as she teases him about his "lady friend," prompting a smile from his otherwise stoic demeanor.

"I thought dads were supposed to annoy kids about stuff like this," says Cavan.

"Well, I'm not your typical mom," replies Chelle.

And that she is not. Most mothers don't get called to testify before the House Armed Services Committee or the Congressional Military Caucus. Most mothers don't get random phone calls from around the globe about service members and ill children in need. And most mothers have not turned their own personal tragedies into worldwide outreach programs for those who have no voice.

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At just 32 years old, Chelle has experienced more personal loss and challenges than most people face in a lifetime. After giving birth to a perfectly healthy Cawan, Chelle and her husband, Steve, a captain in the U.S. Army, would have never guessed that the joy of carrying twins would turn to inconsolable heartache. Their son, Rory, was stillborn and their daughter, Lorelei, was born with multiple health concerns, including hypoplastic left heart syndrome, a rare congenital heart defect in which the left ventricle is severely underdeveloped. To date, Lordei has undergone 15 medical procedures for her "half a heart," including three open-heart surgeries, the first of which was performed at just two days old.

As Lorelei grew, other disorders were discovered—a nervous system disorder that restricts the brain's ability to filter blood correctly and a seizure disorder that left her suffering from as many as 100 ties per hour. But not even this stopped Chelle from wondering what she could do for others.

As founder of Soldier's List, Chelle was already juggling managent of a support organization for service members and their families, along with the care of Cavan and her critically ill Lorelei, when Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast. Lorelei had just undergone her second open-heart surgery, as Chelle listened to a news report about a woman whose son's heart medicine had

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HOME - Interess M.

CHILDHOOD: Grew up the daughter of a U.S. Air Force veteran, raised worldwide

FOUCATION: Bachelor of Arts in English, Susquehanna University: Secondary English Teaching Cortification, Pennsylvania State University, Master of Arts in Irish Heritages and Cultures, University of Ulster, United Kingdom

LANGUAGES: Working knowledge of eight; proficient in five—German, Spanish, Chinese, French and Scottish Gaelic

MARITAL STATUS:
Married to U.S. Army Capt. Steven Brewei

CHILDREN: Cavan, 10: Lorelei, 6: Iolo, 4

OUNDER AND CEO

Soldier's List, a support and advocacy organization for U.S. utilitary members and their families

EACILITATOR

International adoption and advocacy for medically needy children

CO-FOUNDER AND MANAGER

Socks for Vets, an organization, founded with her son, Cavan, that serves 15,000 service members in veterans' hospitals in five states, and supplies them with socks, blankets and homemade treats

CO-FOUNDER AND MANAGER

Heart Hugs, an organization, founded with her daughter, Lorelei, that makes and distributes compression pillows to heart patients



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been washed away in the flood-ravaged waters. "I couldn't sit by and let nothing happen," says Chelle.

Spurred by a desire to help this one child get the life-saving medicine he needed, Chelle pulled on her husband's contacts in the Pennsylvania state government, and later in the U.S. military, to save not only this child but countless more around the world. Today, Chelle's advocacy for children with special needs, in particular orphans, is part and parcel to the work she does with Soldier's List, founded in 2003 to give students in the South Middleton, Pa., School District, in which she then taught, a means of showing support to local soldiers deployed to the wars in the Middle East.

You have to understand, some of these guys, especially Guards and Reserves, have [civilian] jobs that are completely different from their military occupational specialty," she explains.

"I get calls from 'downrange'-Qatar, Afghanistan, Iraq, Egypt, Kosovo, Korea, you name it-regarding children that these 'weekend warriors' [trained surgeons, doctors and medical technicians] suspect of having congenital issues that need to be resolved or the children will die. The Armed Forces are not equipped nor ordered to handle these kiddos unless there was direct impact during a U.S. mission or imminent life stakes. So they get in touch with me," Chelle says.

And just as her child advocacy work has grown and evolved, so, too, has Soldier's List. The organization began as a way for people to connect with deployed military members and show their support. Over time, it evolved to support high-risk service members and their families facing such hardships as lack of family support, marital issues and the acute special needs of spouses and children. To this end, Chelle has worked diligently with the military community to educate families about their rights and responsibilities under Tricare, the health plan serving active-duty military members, and other available services.

It is for this work that Chelle was honored with the 2011 Presidential Citizens Medal, presented by President Obama on Oct. 20 to her and 12 other honorees, who were selected from among nearly 6,000 nominations. Chelle was recognized "for ensuring we uphold our obligations to those who defend our freedom," according to her official White House citation. Established in 1969, the Citizens Medal-the nation's second-highest civilian award-"recognizes American citizens who have performed exemplary deeds of service for their country or their fellow citizens.

And in Chelle's case, the honor could easily extend to her personal life. For not only has her work helped countless soldiers and prompted the adoptions of severely ill children, it persuaded her and Steve, who overcame a debilitating leg injury sustained in a paratrooper-training exercise, to adopt a child of their own. In

2010, the couple adopted JoJo from the poverty-stricken Liaoning Province in northeast China.

When she and Steve found JoJo, he was within two days of having his file rescinded, which means he would have been pulled from the adoption roster and put on the streets when he reached age 14. He was among the children with such severe medical issues that he was deemed unadoptable. JoJo suffers from cerebral palsy and five congenital heart defects, every one of which could have killed him. He has no fewer than 34 tumors on his bodysome benign, some malignant-and he suffered a stroke at birth.

But none of that mattered to the Brewers. "When Cavan saw him in a photograph [for the first time], he said, 'That's my brother," Chelle recalls. And to this day, Cavan shows an uncommon affection for a 10-year-old toward a younger sibling, often kissing him on the top of the head as a parent would.

It was love at first sight for the entire family. Leafing through a scrapbook of his life, Jolo points to a picture of Chelle kissing him at the orphanage. "Why you kiss me?" he asks her.

"Because Mama loves JoJo," she replies in his native Chinese. The practice of speaking different languages to each of her children-JoJo, Chinese; Lorelei, German; and Cavan, Spanish-is as unique to Chelle as every other aspect of her life. At any given moment, the Susquehanna University English major might be found arranging care for a seriously ill child, helping to facilitate an international adoption, or providing assistance to a soldier wounded in combat. But, ironically, she doesn't view her allvolunteer work as anything special. As she puts it, "I kind of fly by the seat of my pants" and help wherever the need arises.

"I, in good conscience, could never just offer my help to one group of people. If someone needs my help and I can help, they will get it," she says.

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Watch video of Chelle receiving her Presidential Citizens Medal and talking about her

life journey at www.susqu.edu/chelle.



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## PARLEZ-VOUS FRANÇAIS?

-+ YOUNG ALUMS TEACHING IN FRANCE

Studying abroad gives you a taste of life in another country, but what if that taste isn't enough? Hungry for more, six members of the Class of 2011 have found the perfect answer—a teaching assistant program run by the French embassy.

Marissa Cannata, Shayna Freed, Garth Libhart, Alexandra Ressing, Matt Butensky and Caroline Campbell, along with a seventh graduate from the Class of 2010, Alyssa Riya, are teaching English at schools across France during the 2011–12 school year.

This is the highest number of placements in this program for Susquehanna, which graduated a record number of French majors and minors last year, according to Lyan Palermo, associate professor of French and chair of the modern languages department. "This is a wonderful program for those who want to be plunged into another culture and learn how to function within that other culture," she says.

And plunged they were. For seven months, they are living in French communities, teaching in French schools, speaking the French language, and, of course, eating French cuisine. But it took more than an alluring cuisine and romantic atmosphere to coax these young adventurers to France. For these recent graduates, the desire to learn and understand the world didn't stop when they took off their caps and gowns last May.

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BY KATE WELLER '03



ompared to selecting a career, moving across an ocean didn't seem that scary to Cannata, a French and public relations major from Midland Park, N.J. "When else will I get an opportunity to travel and work in France and Europe? It is important to do the things that we love and get to experience the world before it's too late," she says.

Cannata was placed at a high school in Fountainebleau, a 40-minute train ride south of Paris. There she's discovered that, although they don't share a native language, American and French teenagers have a lot in common. They can be difficult to inspire to learn and they test boundaries when they think they can get away with it.

"They feel that they can get away with a lot because I won't understand them, but in fact I do," Cannata says.

Despite facing the predictable teenage attitude, she has enjoyed teaching with others who share her passion for language. However, her career dreams lie in another direction. Cannata hopes the language that she loves will play some part in her future career, perhaps working in the public relations department of a French company.



bout six hours south of where Cannata is teaching, in a town called Le Puy en Velay, Freed teaches elementary school in a studio apartment in the center of town. It's a situation in which she never would have expected to find herself.

"I had started to look for internships in my field," she says, and "going to France this year seemed like a faraway path that didn't belong to me. When I told Dr. Palermo that I wished I could do something like this, her reply was simply, 'Why can't you?""

Freed soon realized the opportunity was just too good to pass up and hasn't regretted the decision to take a detour from her intended career path. "I love speaking French and feeling like



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I'm really communicating. I love the comfort of my small-butnot-too-small town, and my proximity to so many new and interesting places," says the public relations and French major and theatre minor from Vestal, N.Y.

Freed's teaching experience doesn't directly advance the career plans that she delayed-she hopes to delve into theatre administration when she returns to the United Statesbut she says she's gained an invaluable worldview and life experience in France.



ibhart's path to France started in, of all places, Turkey. A semester in Istanbul left him with a burning desire to see bother countries, and a visit to Paris while he was studying abroad cemented his desire to go to France.

"I have loved the chance to really immerse myself in a foreign culture and have endless opportunities to practice my French. Also, the food has been expectedly fantastic," he says.

FIG. 4. nourriture — food \'füd\







He lives in Saint Quentin in northern France with his girlfriend, an American studying abroad whom he met on that fateful trip to Paris. Libhart primarily teaches high school, as well as a business English course for older students,

"This teaching experience will prove very beneficial when I need to teach college classes in the future. I suppose that it will seem easier, in some ways, since I will be doing it in my native language and culture," he says.

"WHEN I TOLD DR. PALERMO THAT I WISHED I COULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS, HER REPLY WAS SIMPLY, 'WHY CAN'T YOU?'"

--- SHAYNA FREED '18

As the only Susquehanna alumnus in the program who plans to teach, Libhart says he's filing away valuable lessons for his future career.

"Some students are quite timid, so it has been rewarding to strike a tone of encouragement, allowing them to learn better and have the courage to at least try," says Libhart, who plans to be a college English professor. At Susquehanna, the Lancaster native was an English major who minored in philosophy and French.



essing hopes that her seven months in France is the first step in a career abroad. "I wanted to improve my French speaking, reading and writing skills because I would like to work in an international field, and I knew it would be difficult to maintain my language skills after college," says the native of York, N.Y.

An international studies and French major at Susquehanna, Ressing would like to work with a university study-abroad office or with international university students. Like Freds, he saw the year after graduation as the perfect chance to pick up and move. She was placed in an elementary and middle school in Guingamp, a town in Brittany in parthern France.

"One of my favorite parts of teaching has been the questions I am asked—specifically by the elementary school students. Some examples are: To you sleep in America every night? Did you arrive in a helicopter? Do you receive gifts on Thanksgiving? Are there movie theaters in America?"





Shayna Freed in Prague with Prague Castle in the background: Garth Libbart in front of the Louver. Ali Ressing at La Plornee fountain in Güingamp, France: Matt Butensky on the French coast in Boulogne-sur-Mer.

Though she has struggled with French bureaucracy and red tape, some things are easier in France—like travel. Ressing lives close to a high-speed train stop, so she can be in Paris in just over three hours to meet with the other teaching assistants from Susquehanna.

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utensky, who previously studied in France, thinks that his stay in Boulogne-sur-Mer, a north ern seaport city, will bring him a moment of clarity to help him decide on his future.

"If I'm ever going to find my 'aha' moment, I'm fairly certain that it will be during my stay here in Boul ogne-sur-Mer," says Butensky, an international studies major and French and speech communications minor from Harrisburg, Pa.

Sharing an apartment with a university student from the Alps region of France has given Butensky a full immersion in French culture and language.

"Every day I learn something interesting a bout France or the French language," he says. "I feel forturnate to be back in France again and to be able to discover a new region. There is also really no other way to get a better command of a foreign language." "IF I'M EVER GOING TO FIND MY 'AHA' MOMENT,
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Boulogne-sur-Mer is off the beaten path for the average American tourist, so most of Butensky's fellow elementary school teachers don't speak English. The language barrier has made learning a new educational system a little more challenging, but he says that challenge is all part of the experience.

"Partaking in this experience is changing the way I see certain things. For starters, challenges are to be expected but can often be confronted or at least tackled," he says.

FIG. 5. temps — time \'tim\







# Creative Writing Alumni

## Celebrate 15 Years of Success

Homecoming-Reunion Weekend gave alumni a chance to celebrate the 15th anniversary of Susquehanna University's creative writing major. During a reception at the Writers Institute, alumni attested to the versatility of their liberal arts education and the usefulness of their major.

Kate Manning '08 relies upon her college studies in her work for the U.S. Coast Guard. "The nonfiction classes really beloed me out because I work as a technical writer," she explains, "Lessons Hearned in nonfiction classes come up in everyday writing."

In retail positions, Angela Messner '08 used the communication skills and ability to handle criticism she cultivated through the program. Messner also gives the liberal arts education its due, saying, "It enhances everything about you as a person. In the long run, it gives you a broader perspective."

Even current students, like Rvan Rossi '13, demonstrate the flexibility of creative writing paired with a business education. He applies his studies to the clothing line Paradigm Wear, which he created and runs with fellow junior Marcus Cheatham,

"The two interests, creative writing and

business, are partners," Rossi explains. His background helps him focus on the qualitative aspects of business, write professional emails with flair and engage in the creative process of T-shirt design.

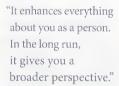
Aside from being adaptable to various careers, the major leads to many writing successes, as showcased by the alumni reading in the Lore Degenstein Gallery. Participating alumni included Marcus Burke '10, recipient of a prestigious fellowship from the University of Iowa's Master of Fine Arts program: Sarah Turcotte '09, author of the short story Scars, published in the fiction issue of The Atlantic; and Jay Varner '03, author of the memoir Nothing Left to Burn, published by Algonquin Books

"When I left here, I was a writer," says Varner, who began his memoir while at Susquehanna.

Professor of English Gary Fincke, director of The Writers Institute, says of the program's future: "By the time we get to 25 years, we should have a 'history' of young writers making a name for themselves and alumni in writing-related jobs."







Angela Messner '08



# TRAX DELIVERS FOAM. **FUN AND FUNDRAISING**

Producing a dance floor full of bubbles may seem like an unlikely way to raise money for an organization called charity: water, but Brian Machl '14, founder of Susquehanna's new charity: water club, proved that theory wrong. The party raised more than \$500 for the international nonprofit organization by the same name, which provides clean water to communities in developing nations.

The club's popularity is defying logic, too. In this year, its first, the club is attracting 20 to 60 students to its meetings each week and raising money-and its campus profile-by organizing events such as the foam party and the SU Holidays 2011 campaign. which included festive activities like caroling and a gingerbread housemaking contest.

Maehl was attracted to charity: water's work because of its 100 percent modelmeaning all public donations go directly to water projects-and its practice of sending GPS coordinates and photos of completed wells to donors.

"When money is given, a direct impact is seen," says Maehl, "All of these things contribute to my passion for the

organization and why I wanted to start a campus club so much."

This passion fueled preparations for the foam party at TRAX. Susquehanna's on-campus, student-only nightclub,

Ethan Sentz '13, operations manager at TRAX, says charity: water's fundraising and awareness initiatives "are pretty remarkable when you think that it was possible through a foam party at a college dance club."

Charity: water is not the only group to utilize TRAX's charitable potential. Last fall, sorority Zeta Tau Alpha hosted a Highlighter T-Shirt Party at TRAX that raised money for breast cancer research, and Colleges Against Cancer threw a Tacky Sweater Party to promote the upcoming Relay for Life. Other fundraising events have included fraternity Phi Mu Delta's annual Beach Party to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Sigma Alpha Iota's Battle of the Bands, which raised hundreds of dollars for charity.

Campus organizations also use events at TRAX to promote their groups. Ebony Bradley '13, TRAX event staff and public relations coordinator, says, "Mostly all of our



events are in collaboration with student organizations. We believe that it is very important to support student initiatives and offer our services to as many organizations as we can."

Contributing writers to the People & Places section relations; and Megan McDermott '14, a creative writing and religion major from Lewisberry, Pa.

✓ WEB EXTRA: Catch glimpses of charity: water's foam party and learn more about the cause by going to www.susau.edu/charitywater.

# SCOREBOARD

NEWS FROM CRUSADER NATION



## Nicholas Hoover'06

New Head Women's

"The first thing I want to establish is trust with my players, if they trust me, then everything else becomes easier."

# **Locker Room Lingo**

#### What is your coaching style and philosophy?

The first thing I want to establish is trust with my players. If they trust me, then everything else becomes easier. From there, it's trying to balance being intense without coming across as intimidating. I like to have fun and want them to as well, but I also want them to understand that my job is to make this a winning program, and I need their help and hard work to do so.

#### The most difficult part of coaching and recruiting is ...

Losing, not just on the field but losing a recruit to another school. It's draining. It really impacts you emotionally when you look at the faces of your players after a tough loss. It's also incredibly frustrating when you are speaking on the phone with a recruit who has stayed for an overnight, visited the campus three times and you've driven countless hours to watch them play live, and then they tell you they've decided to go to a rival school.

#### Who are your favorite coaches? Are there any whose style you try to emulate?

I know it sounds corny since he was my coach and I worked for him the last two seasons, but Jim Findlay is my coaching idol for collegiate soccer. He has such a way with getting the most out of his players, no matter what their personality or strengths, and he is a true student of the game. If I can replicate that sort of trust and understanding with the athletes that come through my program, I truly feel I can be successful.

#### What advice do you have for a prospective student-athlete on your team?

Enjoy every moment of your playing experience while keeping your eye on the most important goal: graduating and getting a job.

#### What are your goals for the upcoming season, both individually and as a team?

With the returning players we have and the recruits who will be coming in, there's no reason not to equal and indeed improve upon last season's results.





# **Superwoman Status**



It's a bird. It's a plane. No, it's Kathy Kroupa, a real-life supervoman. The Susquehanna head softball coach may not wake up in the morning and dress herself in a blue and red costume, but she does possess numerous qualities that qualify her for supervoman status.

To the average bystander, Kroupa is merely the head sofiball coach and, until this past season, the head women's soccer coach. These have been her publicly visible roles. What most people don't see is the five other jobs she does alongside coaching a team of 23 young women.

In addition to her coaching role, Kroupa is an assistant athletics director, the administrator of the Susquehanna Athletics Senior Woman program, an advocate for the university's Sexual Assault Student Support Program, staff advisor of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, and a guiding force in the NCAA Student-Athlete Affairs Program, previously called CHAMPS. And, as if that weren't enough, she teaches a perspectives class to first-year students.

How is she able to get everything done in a day?

"I really love what I do, and you just find a way to get it done," she says. "Sometimes you don't always get it done the way you want, but you try your best and accept that."

Kroupa entered her 10th season as head softball coach this spring. During her nine-year termer a Ussquehanna, she has racked up a 178–126–1 record and had winning seasons in seven of the last eight years, including a school-record 34-win campaign in 2010 (34–13).

"Kathy is someone who truly believes in the Division III philosophy, and this is evident in how she distributes her time and efforts," says Pam Samuelson, director of athletics. "She is definitely committed to a highly competitive softball program, but her passions go beyond just the softball field. Kathy works hard to ensure that the softball players, and all of our student-athletes for that matter, have opportunities available to them off the field as well."

WEB EXTRA: To read more about Kroupa's work both on and off the field, go online to Susquepedia at www.susqu.edu/kroupa.

# X's and O's

The athletic department welcomed six new interns to its staff for the 2011–12 season, thanks to the Strangfeld Internship Program, established by John Strangfeld Jr. 75, chair of Susquehanna's Board of Trustees, and his wife, Mary Kay.

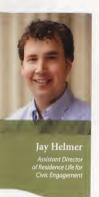
The men's and women's track & field squads earned secondplace finishes for the 2012 indoor season at the Landmark Conference Championships.

Following the fall athletic seasons, 49 student-athletes were named to the Landmark Conference Fall Academic Honor Roll. Women's cross country led the way with 11 student-athletes named to the list.



Senior cross country runner lan Quinlan qualified for and competed in the 2011 NCAA Cross Country Championships, where he set a personal record in the 8k of 25:12:97.





### 0 & A

Jay Helmer began his work at Susquehanna last summer, but his dedication to community service is nothing new. Helmer spent three years working with Campus Compact, an organization dedicated to civic engagement on college campuses. Now he helps provide students with volunteer service opportunities such as SU GIVE (Get Into Volunteer Experiences) for first-year students and the campuswide SU SERVE.

SC: As an alumnus of Kenyon College and a former intern at Gettysburg College, what attracted you to another liberal arts environment?

JH: As a student, I was drawn to small institutions because they offered smaller classes and a chance to get to know professors, but what really struck me was the sense of community they foster. After completing a master's degree at a large public university. I knew I wanted to be back on a small. liberal arts campus and have the chance to help build the type of community that makes schools like Susquehanna so special.

SC: What led to your interest in civic engagement

JH: My parents volunteered through our church in Connecticut and encouraged me to do the

same. At Kenyon, I was part of a local service fraternity very similar to Alpha Phi Omega, but it was my time with Campus Compact as an AmeriCorps\*VISTA [representative] where I first learned how powerful effective service programs could be for both students and the community.

SC: In what ways would you like to see the Center for Civic Engagement (CCE) develop?

JH: The center has done a great job developing and running one-time events that are tremendously valuable for students, and coordinating trips including hurricane relief teams to the Gulf Coast and SU SPLASH (Students Promoting Leadership and Awareness in Serving the Homeless). Where we can grow is in facilitating additional recurring service opportunities. I would also like to see the CCE support more faculty who are interested in incorporating service learning into their classes.

SC: What is your favorite aspect of the Susquehanna community so far?

JH: I've really appreciated how welcoming the Susquehanna community has been, and the energy of the students toward service has been amazing. During my second week at SU, I went on the SU SPLASH trip. The students became very close-knit, and I was incredibly impressed by their dedication to service.

## SYLLABUS

Living Writers: Breathing Life Into the Core There are two words that can make just about any student groan: literature core. For those who are not excited about reading or writing, a required literature course can seem like a daunting task. Indeed, a sense of dread is almost tangible in the classroom on the first day of Living Writers-that is until Professor of English Tom Bailey walks into the room and says, "Get up!," his voice booming through the classroom.

No one moves.

"I mean it! Everyone get up!" Slowly, students push themselves from their chairs. Sighs ripple through the room.

Bailey has the students arrange their chairs in a circle around the perimeter of the room. He wants everyone to see one another for the discussions that will follow.

So begins Living Writers, the kind of class many non-English majors take to fulfill the university's literature requirement. However, Bailey pioneered the class with a different concept in mind than the typical literature core. The difference lies in the focus of the classreading works by the professional writers who are visiting campus in that semester through the Visiting Writers Program.

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Students are then required to go to the on-campus readings and Q&A sessions conducted by the authors." It think the most valuable part of the class is reading living writers and then having the chance to meet and talk with them," Bailey says.

The wide-ranging latitude of reading and interpreting contemporary literature is an advantage, too. "My favorite part of the class is the discussions we get ourselves into," Bailey says. "There is no 'received knowledge' on how to think about the writers we read and meet."

Bailey keeps classroom discussions casual and upbeat, so students feel comfortable speaking their mind. They are encouraged to be excited, enlightened and even outraged by what they read. But perhaps the most attractive aspect of the class is Bailey's lowe for the subject matter. His passion for literature is contagious, and by the end of the semester, even the nonbelievers—those students who only took the course to fulfill a requirement—are completely engrossed.

Silas Zobal, assistant professor of English, also teaches the class, and it's clear he shares the same passion for the material. "I want every student to begin seeing literature as a living, breathing thing. We'll try not to see the work we read as hallowed or untouchable, but [rather] as human," he says.





# FORWARD THINKING

#### Researching the Risks of Fracking

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission calls it a "gas rush" and recognizes its potential threats—water pollution, reduced water quality and environmental disturbance. "It" is the prevalent natural gas drilling, through a process called hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, that is taking place in large swaths of the state.

To identify streams requiring protection, government agencies rely on documentation, especially of trout populations. Only about 3,000 of the state's 45,000 waterways are documented. The commission's unassessed waters initiative gathers information on undocumented streams by partnering with local universities and colleges.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology Jonathan Niles spent last summer examining 82 streams for the commission, assisted by more than \$29,000 in grants from the Degenstein Foundation, the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds and the Loyalsock Creek Watershed Association. He found trout in 64 of the streams he studied. This included 92 percent of streams in the Muncy Creek drainage and 76 percent of the streams in the Loyalsock Creek drainage. As a result, eight streams may qualify for Class A trout stream designation, the highest outliev classification.

"The classification set by the Fish and Boat Commission and the Department of Environmental Protection will help to increase the level of protection for coldwater species and water quality in areas where natural gas drilling may be expanding," Niles explains.

He also gathered information on trout diets and the streams' water quality, algae and aquatic insects, which will enhance his studies of headwater streams and coldwater fisheries. "By sampling the number of streams we did and taking additional data," Niles says, "we expanded several different aspects of my research." For instance, he will use this data to investigate impacts of flooding from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee on Loyalsock Creek.

Niles also involves students in his research, a common practice at Susquehanna, providing students with the opportunity to assist in data collection and use the data in a variety of ways, including senior research projects. "Some of these students are doing work similar to what graduate students in aquatic ecology would do," Niles notes.

Ecology major Sam Silknetter '14 and biology majors Caleb Currens '12 and John Panas '14 surveyed streams alongside Niles, thanks to the Summer Research Partners Program, which provides students with stipends for research experiences with faculty members.

Panas calls the research "the best work experience I have ever had," and he and Silknetter agree that aquatic ecology is now a viable career choice for them.

Beyond personal gain, the students appreciate the larger difference the research will make. "Our data will help to protect these streams," Silknetter says." I love nature, and for once I'm doing her a service rather than the other way around."

### KUDOS

#### Alumni Gifts Bolster the Student Experience at Susquehanna

Two alumni will be inducted, posthumously, into the university's Susquehanna Society later this year. Benefactors who have given a total of \$1 million or more are honored with membership in the society, the university's highest giving designation.

One of the inductees, Andrew C. Long '28, a school teacher and business owner who grew up in Coal Township amid modest means, will be honored as the alumnus who made the largest alumni gift in Susquehanna's history. His lifetime and testamentary gifts, totaling \$4.8 million. will be used to support scholarships for business students and experiential learning opportunities. A longtime supporter of Susquehanna University, Long initially established the Andrew C. Long Scholarship Fund in 1994 to support promising business students from the Pennsylvania region encompassing Shamokin, Coal Township, Ranshaw, Paxinos and Shamokin Township. The new scholarship, endowed at \$1 million,

broadens that support to any deserving business student.

"The Long Scholarship has allowed me to attend college and grow as an individual and leader," says currents sholarship recipient Amanda Cavanaugh, a senior business administration major from Shamokin, Pa." I have pursued my love of horses by competing and serving as captain of the Susquehanna equestrian team and have been touched by so many people through my sorority, Sigma Kappa, and this campus as a whole:

Even more lives will be touched by the Andrew C. Long '28 Endowment for Experiential Learning, supported by a \$3 million gift from the Long estate. The endowment will support internships, collaborative research projects between students and faculty, senior capstone projects and cross-cultural experiences undertaken by students.

Ambrose and Ida (Olmstead) Frederickson were also stalwart supporters of Susquehanna students. Ida, a member of the Class of 1921, and her husband, Ambrose, a sales manager for Weyerhaeuser, were responsible for creating an enduring legacy at Susquehanna University. The Frederickson Foundation.

administered by trustees who grew up as neighborhood children in the couple's Short Hills, NJ., community, began supporting scholarships at Susquehanna in 1988. The new endowment, estimated at about \$2 million, will fund in perpetuity the Ambrose and Ida '21 Frederickson Foundation Scholarship Award at Susquehanna University.

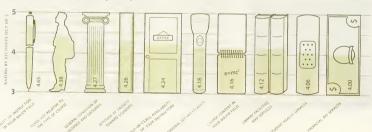
"The Frederickson Scholarship has opened so many doors for me," says current recipient Peter Donhauser, a junior accounting major from Middlesex, N.J. "I am truly grateful, and because of their generosity. I am able to attend a great university. The education I have received at Susquehanna has benefited me both professionally, by helping me secure an internship with Citibank last summer, and personally, by allowing me to study abroad in London as a member of the London Program. Neither of these great experiences would have been possible without the support of the foundation."

Contributing writers to The 'Grove section are Victoria Kidd, editor; Charlotte Lotz '12, a creative writing major from Sugarloaf, Pa.; and Megan McDermott '14, a creative writing and religion major from Lewisberre Pa.

### Student Satisfaction Survey

Last spring, Susquehanna conducted a Survey of Student Opinions in which 2,257 full: and part-time students were asked to complete the Web based instrument. Students were asked how important a specific service or aspect of the university was to them and how satisfied they were with that service. The survey had a 42.2 percent response report.

One of the areas that rated the highest was general satisfaction with Susquehanna, a question for which the university earned a satisfaction rating of 4.32 out of 5. THE FOLLOWING GRAPHIC SHOWS THE RESULTS FOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS.





# CLASS NOTES

# Message Board ACHIEVANING LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE



continue.to lead lives of service in their communities. This April ... we will come together to give back."

Leading lives of service continues to be a significant part of Susquehanna's three-part mission. Susquehanna students and alumni are part of a long-standing tradition of service that has received national recognition, including being the only college or university cited by President Reagan in 1987 for outstanding community service through the White House Private Sector Initiatives Program. In addition, Susquehanna's Study Buddy' program was selected a winner in the 1993 United Technologies Exemplary Program Awards through the National Association of Partners in Education.

Perhaps you lived in Seibert Hall as part of the Project House System alongside fellow students who provided hours of service to various community groups and individuals. The university's Project House System dates back to 1976, but Susupehanna can trace its roots of community service back to 1859, when students built a plank walkway from town to campus with materials contributed by the community. By 1995, more than half of the 1,400 students enrolled at Susquehanna participated in some form of significant volunters ervived.

Currently, many students are active with the Center for Civic Engagement, which is committed to providing opportunities that allow students, faculty and staff to learn about and reflect upon their roles as active, informed citizens within the community. This involvement—and the innovative service programs that attract students—earned Susquehamma a place on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for five consecutive years, 2006–2010. In 2010, the honor was bestowed with distinction, a commendation given to only 110 schools across the country. In addition, university service programs received excellence and best practice awards from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) in 2007, 2009 and 2010.

I know that our graduates continue to lead lives of service in their communities. This April, we will embark upon our first annual mega, worldwide service event, where as one large Sussquehanna community, we will come together to give back. Alumni, students, faculty, staff, parents and friends are all invited and encouraged to help showcase the magnitude of caring that is happening all over the world. This event is called SU SERVE, "Susquehanna Engaging in Regional Voluntere Experiences."

Whether you choose to participate with others in a region near you on April 14 or simply tell us about the service work you are already doing individually, you are an important part of demonstrating the impact that Susquehannans have on our world. Our ability to showcase alumni service activity could make a significant impression on prospective students who are service-oriented and could positively influence their decision to choose Susquehannan.

Please consider joining this effort as we work toward a goal of 10,000 service hours for the month. Participation is easy, and in many cases, we just want to hear about what you are already doing. To learn more, contact us at alumni@susqu.edu or 570-372-4115, or add your service hours to the total goal by going to www.susqu.edu/suserve.

Thank you for continuing to lead lives of service, and for representing Susquehanna University in such important and meaningful ways. ~

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Becky Bramer '92 Deitrick, Director of Alumni Relations

1962 SOTH REUNION

1967 ASTH RELINION

David A. Williams '67 became a member of the Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem on Nov. 5, 2011, at a Service of Investiture at Grace Episcopal Cathedral in San Francisco. The Order of St. John is an honorary order, and its membership in the United States numbers about 1,000 and over 30,000 worldwide. Its work is principally philanthropic. with special emphasis directed toward the Eve Hospital in Jerusalem and in other places throughout the globe. The honor must be approved by the Queen of England, and as her representative in these matters. Prince Richard. the Duke of Gloucester, attended the ceremony and conducted the Service of Investiture.

# 1968

Bill Lewis '68 retired on Aug. 1 after nearly 38 years of federal service, including 17 years in the senior executive service. After three years as an assistant district attorney in Philadelphia, Lewis' federal career included working at the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and, for the last 19 years, the U.S. Department of Energy. He also served as a counsel to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Joe Biden during the late 1980s. Bill has been a member of the SU Board of Trustees since 1986.

Sue Yenchko '68 is the recipient of this year's ATHENA Award from the Harrisburg Regional Chamber and the Capital Region Economic Development Corporation. Yenchko was honored for outstanding professional development and community service, as well as the notable strides she's made in assisting women's leadership potential.

1972 AOTH REUNION

1975

Warren Bellis '75 wrote a book titled Global Economic Optimization: Producina an Economic Miracle. He lives in Waynesboro, Pa., with his family.

# 1976

Tom Eyster '76 retired from West York Area High School as its band director after 34 years. The instrumental music booster club organized a picnic on Memorial Day to honor him. Hundreds attended, and students and alumni played the fight song as he arrived at John Rudy County Park. He was also honored at a band banquet, and a scholarship will be awarded annually in his name to a West York student planning to study music at a four-year institution.

1977 STH REUNION

1978

Jane Kadenbach '78 DiGrolamo was appointed director of advancement for Our Ladv of Good Counsel, Olney, Md. In this role, she is responsible for fundraising, alumni and parent relations, events, public relations and marketing.

1982 ROTH RELINION

1987 STHREUNION

Karen Buchanan '87 Giberson won the 2011 Daytime Entertainment Emmy Award for outstanding culinary program for producing Avec Eric.

# 1991

Lyn Benson '91 married Daniel Rutkoski on Sept. 9 at the Crystal Point Yacht Glub in Point Pleasant, N.J.

1992 DOTH REUNION

Tom Dodd '92 was nominated for the 2011-12 Colorado Association of Secondary School Principals (CASSP) and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Middle Level Principal of the Year Award. He was selected as one of three finalists. The program recognizes principals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and are considered strong leaders by their colleagues.

Kathy Toole '92 Oostdam was promoted to director of marketing and communications at Synapse Marketing Solutions. She lives in Lancaster, Pa.

Born to Mark and E. Paige Malin '92 Donohoe, a son, James Turner, Feb. 6, 2010.

# 1993

Kwame Lloyd '93 is the new women's soccer head coach at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. He served previously as an assistant coach at Gardner Webb University.

James Mikolaichik '93 joined Manning & Napier Advisors Inc. as chief financial officer. He will be an integral part of the firm's senior leadership team with specific responsibility for leading finance-related functions coupled with strategic planning and corporate development. He lives in Medfield, Mass.

Juno Nashandi '93 is a medical officer at Groot Schuur Hospital, University of Cape Town, South Africa.

# REGIONAL CHAPTER NEWS

SU SERVE

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was pleased to host President L. Jay Lemons at a November alumni reception at the Bart Luedeke Student Center Art Gallery, located at Rider University. The chapter's marketing director, Jamie Mitchell '82, is employed there as director of graduate, transfer and continuing studies admissions. More than 30 alumni from classes spanning the 1970s through 2011 were in attendance. Lemons gave attendees an overview of recent university news before a special performance by alumni and student members of the Susquehanna Belly Dance Troupe. In January, the New Jersey chapter gathered to cheer on the Crusaders at the men's and women's basketball games versus Drew University. Then, in early March, the chapter sponsored a private brewery tour at the River Florse Brewing Co. in Lambertville, N.J. The chapter plans an active presence for SU SERVE on April 14 with a number of New Jersey-based community service projects.

## 1995

Corey Goff '95 was named director of athletics at Muhlenberg College, effective July 1, 2012. He'll supervise the college's 22 varsity sports, as well as the intramural and recreation programs.

## 1996

Ruth Bullwinkle '96 is doing her internship year at a Lutheran church in northeast Philadelphia.

Emmett Kinvan '96 finished bit first spring triathlon in July and will run his third marathon in Rovember with fellow SU alumna Review Symula '97 on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. He also acrepted a position with the South Carolina. He also acrepted a position with the South Carolina Budget & Control Board as of Nov. 2. He is the contracts specialist with the Information Technology Management Office. Prior to this position he was the deputy county administrator in Calhorn County, SC.

# 1997 15TH REUNION

Heather Parent: 97 was listed in the 2011 edition of Chambers and Partners USA as a leading environmental lawyer in the state of Maine. Heather is a partner at Eaton Peabody in Bangor, Maine, and is an officer of the Maine State Bar Association's Environmental and Natural Resources Section. She was also named policy director of the Bureau of Air Quality of the Maine Deartners of Environmental Protection.

# 1998

Anthony Borguet a '88 received the Amgen Award for Science Teacher Excellence. He is a teacher at Barrington Middle School, R.I. On April 4, 2011, the school surprised him with a special ecremony to announce his award. Then, on May 19, he was honored at a banquet ecremony hed at the Biltmore in Providence. He also won the Barrington Teacher of the 'Fera award a few years ago.

Born to John '00 and Michelle Hoffman '98 Steigerwald, a daughter, Evelyn, on May 7.

Born to Melissa and Kevin Wilson II '98, a son, Noah Parker, Jan. S

## 1999

Born to Oliver and Barbara Jones '99 Leek, a son, Timothy Robert Jan 16, 2011

Born to Geoffrey '99 and Fawn Day '99 Rohrer, a daughter, Ava Grace, March 2, 2011. Born to Jeffrey and Jennifer Swope '99 Garber, a daughter, Ashlyn Grace, Jan. 4, 2011.

# 2000

W. Ryan Neumyer '00 is an attorney and taking a board position at St. Joseph Health Ministries in Lancaster, Pa.

Peter Rapciewicz '00 married Hazel Sanchez at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York, Peter is an assistant vice president at the American International Group, an insurance and financial services company in New York.

Born to James and Dawn Brannigan '00 Craig, a son, Oliver George, Aug. 11.

Born to Michele Collins '00 and Nicholas '01 Hoffman, a son, Aidan Buckley, Dec. 15, 2010.

Born to Jason and Meghan McGinnis '00 Smith, a son, Cole McGinnis, Dec. 21, 2010.

# 2001

Abigail LeGrow '01 is the newest master in chancery at the Delaware Court of Chancery. The masters adjudicate cases assigned by the court and also play an important administrative role in ensuring that the court handles its caseload in a timely manner. She was a corporate litigation associate at Option American Court of the Cour

Born to Kristi Ryan '02 and Kory '01 Wentworth, daughters, Taryn Kendall, Feb. 15, 2010, and Breanna Karli, June 14.

## 2001

Craig Dyer '95, in his third year as the first assistant coach for the Marquette University women's volleyball team, helped guide the Golden Eagles to the NCAA Championship tournament for the first time in program history.

Born to Ben and Linda Sundstrom '01 Spector, a son, Dane Fletcher, Nov. 1.

# 2002 TOTH REUNION

Jason Noel '02 and Meredith Itzla '04 were married Oct. 15.

Born to Beira Torres-Rosario '02 and John C. Brown IV '00, a daughter, Eliora Faith, June 8.

Born to Jeff and Laurie Smith '02 Zaring, a son, Lucas Scott, May 10.

# 2003

Lynn Burke '03 has a new position at Cetrysburg College. After six years in seidence life, Burke has taken a position as the assistant director of annual giving. In her new role, she will be working collaboratively to plan and execute the solicitation of Getrysburg College alumni, paying particular attention to classes that graduated 19 to 40 years ago.

Angie Feger '03 Lawver earned her master's degree in reading specialization from Hood College in May 2010. She is currently an adjunct faculty member at Frederick Community College. She and her husband, Craig Lawver '03, live in Frederick, Md., with their twin daughters, Emma and Madelyin.

Jennifer Witowski '03 married Rich Kuhn, June 11,

Born to Whitney Covington '03 and William Shaffer, a son, Liam Alexander, Oct. 12.

Born to Seth '03 and Lara Adams '03 Mosebey, a son, Ethan Finley, Dec. 28.

Born to Shawn and Nicole Yost '03 Colescott, a daughter, Hayden Harper.

# 2004

Christy Ellsperman '04 Wenger earned her doctorate degree in English from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., in May 2011. She is now an assistant professor of English and director of metoric and composition at Shepherd University in West Virginia.

Meredith Itala '04-see 2002

Jodie Dagle '04 married Andrew Mitterling, May 14 at the Selinsgrove Church of the Nazarene.

# 2005

Born to Chris and Jennifer Turgeon '0S Stehman, a daughter, Kourtlin Sienna, Nov. 1S.

# 2006

Kimberly Tomaszewski '06 was ordained Sept. 17 at the Historic Jamesport Meeting House in Jamesport, N.Y., into Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.



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- · Alumni Awards Banquet

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#### CLASS NOTES



Jeffrey Martin '75 donated a portrait of Jerry Walker, president and founder of Team Walker. It was presented at the organization's annual "Evening of Dreams" benefit dinner at Mayfair Farms on Oct. 6. Jeffrey's son, Jonathan Martin '09 (left), works for Positive Impact Partners, the marketing team behind Team Walker.



Roxanne Halpine '01 married Fritz Ward in June 2010. The book-themed wedding was featured Paul Thirde '10 married Caitlin Newman '09 on June 5.



Melissa Hahn '98 married Matt Davis, brother of Eric Davis '98, on April 2, 2011, at the family Parvin Farm in Pittsgrove, N.J.

Kaitlin Orloski '06 married Tyler Brown, May 21 at St. Jude's Church in Mountain Top. Pa.

Catherine Rutherford '06 married Christopher Conetta, June 25 at Trinity Church in Hoboken, N.J.

Born to Dave and Katie Mull '06 Hanes, a daughter, Allison Caroline, Nov. 16.

# 2007 STH RELINION

Mark A. Kleman '07, of Elysburg, Pa., was awarded a doctorate degree in osteopathic medicine at the 120th commencement of The Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) on June S. The graduation was held in the Verizon Theater at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia. While attending PCOM he participated in DO Day on Capitol Hill. He was a student liaison to the dean of clinical education and a senior class representative to the PCOM Student Government Association. He is a member of the American College of Physicians, the American Osteopathic Association and the American Medical Association. This summer, he began a residency in internal medicine at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, Pa.

# 2009

William P. Toy III '09 graduated from Temple University with a master of science in finance. While at Temple, he did an internship with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. He accepted a position with a private investment company in Center City Philadelphia.

Austin Ulsh '09 is pursuing a passion and divine calling to help others in need. Beginning in January, he is traveling with a 45-member squad of 21- to 35-year-olds in "The World Race," through an organization called Adventures in Missions. Visiting and ministering in 11 countries in 11 months, Austin is living out of a hiking backpack filled with a tent, sleeping bag, a couple pairs of clothes, a Bible and laptop. Starting in the Dominican Republic, they are racing from country to country on their mission, visiting Haiti, South Africa, Mozambique, Swaziland, Romania, Moldova, Nepal, India, China and the Philippines.

Born to Kenneth and Sarah Hackenberg '09 Dickmson, a son, Aiden, Aug. 27.

## 2011

Bobby Eppleman '11 signed with Binghamton Professional Indoor Football as the kicker for the 2012 roster, Bobby was a standout star at Susquehanna while handling both punting and kicking duties. Matt Custer '11 is the general manager, and Chris Blake '11 is the assistant general manager of Binghamton Professional Indoor Football.

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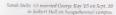
Parker Weston '11 is an associate traffic producer for Metro Networks

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Material received on campus by June 30 will be included in the fall issue.







Lauren Brown '01 married Kevin Grace, June 18 at Stone Manor Country Club in Middletown, Md.



Five alumni work in the marketing department at National Student Clearinghouse in Herndon, Va. Pictured are, from left to right: Colin Hutchison '10, Shannon Whitehead '09, Jenna Gilson '09, Mark Koyeleski '07 and Melissa Kelley '09.



The Class of 1977 celebrated their fourth annual golf reunion. Pictured are, left to right. Eric Grannas, Jeff Bugge Bill Gustitus, Mike Edry, Greg Landi, Jim Kurras and Calvin Jackman

# REGIONAL CHAPTER NEWS

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was pleased to show support for Stephen Wallace '81 at The Friends for Life Inaugural Gala, celebrating the 30th anniversary of Boston-based SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and honoring his 15 years of service to youth and families as the organization's former CEO. The gala, held at the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, featured a special reception and dinner gathering for Susquehanna guests to join Wallace, President L. Jay Lemons and other members of the university's senior staff. During the event, Lemons introduced Susquehanna's new Center for Adolescent Research and Education (CARE), which Wallace will direct. The chapter spent the winter planning a tubing event in New Hampshire and making plans to provide an energized presence in several of its state locations for SU SERVE on April 14.



Less than a decade ago Wayne H. Fisher capped his 36-year career in the insurance industry with four years as the chief risk officer of Zurich Financial Services, one of the world's largest insurance groups.

It was not the kind of career the grandson of a legendary Susquehanna chemistry professor imagined when he graduated in 1966 as a chemistry major. But his experience at both Susquehanna and as a U.S. Air Force officer in Vietnam served him extremely well in a career that began as an actuarial trainee and culminated in multiple high-level positions with both Zurich (in the United States and Switzerland) and the Continental Corp.

"I minored in math and liked the challenge of being an actuary," he says. "Also, the chemistry, physics and math courses I took at Susquehanna really taught me analytical thinking and problem solving, how to synthesize information and distill down what's important—which is all very transferable to a discipline like actuarial science."

His experience as an Air Force electronics officer, where the focus was on building and motivating a team to get a technical job done, also enabled him to quickly assume management roles and broadly integrate actuarial considerations into the management and strategic planning of the firms for which he worked.

It's the kind of business that contributes a lot to society," says Fisher, whose risk management philosophy involves assessing what former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld called "the unknown unknowns." Whether a risk might involve terrorism, natural disasters or systemic financial risk, Fisher says insurers must constantly assess potential scenarios, evaluate the resulting financial impact on their firms, and decide whether and how to hedge against such risks.

# 2011 ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS

Susquehanna University honored five alumni of distinction at an awards banquet held on Sept. 18 during Homecoming-Reunion Weekend. University President L. Jay Lemons was joined by Director of Alumni Relations Becky Bramer '92 Deitrick in representing the school for the dinner and ceremony, while Alumni Association President Jeffrey Morgan '82 presented awards to this year's honorees. To read more about the award winners, visit www.susqu.edu/alumniawards.



Service LAWRENCE HUTCHISON '80

In the fall of 2006, Larry Hutchison was standing along the sidelines during an SU men's soccer game when he overheard graduating seniors discussing concerns about many of the important personal financial decisions they were going to have to make after they graduated.

A 1980 business administration-global management graduate, Hutchison had recently joined the Sigmund Weis School of Business Advisory Council. Having spent most of his career in financial services, he sensed a need to better educate Susquehanna students about the nuts-and-bolts of personal financeeverything from banking and credit card issues to how to rent an apartment and handle household expenses-once they get their first job.

His insight led to the creation of what is now a voluntary personal finance seminar for Susquehanna students taught by Hutchison and Jameson Troutman '02, last year's recipient of the Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award. This past year, 75 students, mostly seniors, took the seminar.

"It started off just for seniors in the business school and then quickly evolved to include all majors," says Hutchison, a Pottstown, Pa., resident. "Quite frankly, music majors need this life skill as much as business majors."

Hutchison also serves on the university's Outcomes Task Force and has been heavily involved with the alumni office on a pilot program to encourage more alumni to sign up on SU Bridge-an electronic alumni-student network where alumni can indicate their willingness to hire Susquehanna graduates, sponsor current students for internships, speak on campus, or share their career experiences with students in various ways.

"If we can engage more alumni to help students, then the students who benefit from the help will want to pay it forward once they are in a position to do so. This creates a culture of recurring engagement where all parties benefit," he says.

When Allison Baugher arrived at Susquehanaa as freshman in 2004, the teenager, who grew up on a rural orchard near Gettysburg, Pa. and who was a middling Spanish student, would have laughed if you had told her she would soon be an award-winning Spanish teacher in Washington, D.C.'s inner city.

But, thanks to a confluence of influences and experiences that are the hallmark of Susquehanna's brand of liberal arts education, Baugher is entering her fourth year teaching Spanish at Ballou High School in the city's gritty southeast section.

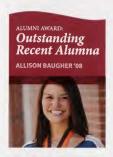
Susquehanna's SU CASA service trips to Nicaragua and Costa Rica and a semester studying abroad in Mérida, Mexico, sold Baugher on Spanish—and urban life.

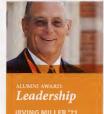
"Being on my own in a different country in a city like Mérida, where I knew absolutely no one, really opened my eyes and gave me the courage to do what I'm doing now," she says.

Then a last-minute application to Teach for America led to a two-year assignment at Ballou High School—one of Washington's poorest high schools—and ultimately a permanent position.

Thanks to Baugher's influence, the school has gone from offering just two years of Spanish to four years, including an advanced placement class.

"Students here have to overcome so many extreme challenges in their lives, yet they are so resilient," says Baugher, "They make me want to keep coming back in part because, compared to what they are struggling with, my job really sin't all that hard."





For both business and nonprofits, Irving Miller's leadership philosophy is simple: recruit good people, give them proper direction and the resources they need to get the job done, and get out of their way.

"Tve seen a lot of different management styles, and the people I always dread; ed working for were those who constantly micromanaged," says Miller, who carly last year retired as Toyota Motor Sales USAS group vice president for environmental and public affairs after a 30-year sales and marketing career with Toyota. "So I developed a very hands-off leadership style."

Miller was responsible for all Toyota, Less and Scion public relations activities in the United States; oversaw internal communications with employees and dealers; and supervised its multimillion-dollar philanthropic efforts and community relations. For many years, he secured Toyota funding to support the Sigmund Weis School of Business' summer Leadership institute for Entrepreneurship (LIFE) program for high school students.

Miller encountered good role models early on when he played both football and basketball for the Crusaders. "In 1970 I was fortunate to be on a MAC championship football team," he says. "We had strong coaches who provided us with the resources and knowledge necessary to get the job done. When you play a team sport, you have to do your job and rely on others to do theirs without interference—principles I've followed my entire life."



When Kenneth Hugendubler assumed the presidency of the board of directors of The Humane Society of Harrisburg Area (HSHA) five years ago, it was shackled by a \$300,000 deficit. During his first month in of fice, he had to deal with both the resignation of the group's executive director and an outbreak of parvovirus that threatened to shut down the animal shelter.

Since then, however, under Hugendubler's leadership and that of a new executive director, HSHA has undergone a remarkable transformation.

The Susquehanna accounting major, who is a partner leading the insurance practice group for ParenteBeard, a mid-Atlantic accounting and business advisory firm, also serves the Greater Harrisburg Regional Council of Junior Achievement of South Central PA, the United Way of the Capital Region and Rotary International chapters. In addition, he has volunteered for Susquehanna's Alumni Career Team and its Alumni Parent Admissions Network.

Hugendubler credits the university with developing his commitment to community service. "Coming out of Hershey High School, I was a typical male teenager consumed with myself," he recalls. But he really wanted to live in historic Seibert Hall, which required students to do community service. So he joined Big Brothers Big Sisters and took a young, needy Selinsgrove boy under his wing—a role he continued after graduation. He also tutored adults trying to overcome alcoholism while working toward their general education development (GED)high-school equivalency exams in Sunbury.

"They were all trying their hardest to get a second chance in life, and it really opened my eyes to the incredible needs in the community," recalls Hugendubler.

# DEATHS



Karl Richard Klose
Associate Professor Emeritus
of Mathematical Sciences
1936–2011

### IN MEMORIAM

Karl R. Klose, associate professor emeritus of mathematical sciences, died at his Selinsgrove home on Aug. 18, following a three-year illness.

Born Aug. 18, 1936, he was a native of Sunbury, Pa. He attended Bucknell University, where, in 1958, he carned a bachelor's degree in chemistry. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany, During his eight years of military service, Klose attained the rank of captain and became involved in the Pershing ballistic missile project. He enrolled in graduate classes at the University of Alabama prior to his discharge, eventually earning master's degrees in both physics and mathematics, as well as a doctorate degree in mathematics, as well as a foctorate degree in mathematics. He taught at Missouri Western State University for 14 years before joining the faculty of Susquehanna University in 1984, on the

heels of earning a third master's degree in computer science from Kansas State University. From 1984 until his retirement in 2001, Klose taught mathematical analysis and computer science with a specialty in numerical computing.

Klows 17-year teaching career at Susquehanna was marked by a reputation for connecting with students and nurturing their talents. Professor of Mathematical Sciences Ken Brakke and Professor Emeritus of History Donald Housley, who served as dean of the School of Arts and Sciences during a portion of Klose's tenure, described him as a dedicated teacher who formed close mentoring relationships with his students. An avid fly fisherman, he could often be found with a rod and reel along Penns Creek. An outdoorsman at heart, he also enjoyed gusmmithing and carving duck decoys.

Arline Kanyuck 32 Lerda, Glen Lyon, Pa., June 24. She served as an organist and choir director at her home church, St. John's Lutheran in Nanticoke, Pa., until she moved to Westminster in 1946. There she served as an organist at Grace Lutheran and other churches in the area. She began her professional teaching career in 1950 and retired in 1971. Ruth Specht '41 Richter, Glen Cove, N.Y., Oct. 4. She taught school in Stoystown, Pa. She volunteered at the Salvation Army and Meals-on-Wheels.

Corinne Kahn '45 Kramer, Moravian Village, Bethlehem, Pa., Nov. 12. She was a teacher for the Allentown School District for many years until retiring. She is survived by her nephew, Charles Brophy '70. Robert S. Maddocks Jr. '47, Dec. 27, 2010. He was a retired grocer, a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of the American Legion.

Edwin L. Bittenbender '49, Fegus Falls, July 2. He was drafted into the U.S. Navy in 1942, his senior year in Berwick, Pa., High School. He attended Garrett Biblical Institute, now called Garrett Theological Seminary, in Evanston, Ill. He was commissioned as a regular Methodist missionary and served as the director of moral and religious education at Lucknow Christian College.

Virginia Cochrane '49 Krueger, New City, N.Y., Aug. 8. She taught high school French in Atlantic Highlands, N.J. She also taught fourth grade for 26 years before retiring in 1991. She is survived by her cousin, DeWitt Reynolds '54. James C. Gehris '50, Shamokin, Pa., Jan. 4. He was a 1954 graduate of Hahnemann Medical College and practiced in Shamokin until retirement in 1991. He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Martin '51 Gehris, who passed in 1995. He is survived by his son, John M. Gehris '57.

Nancy Cosgrove '51 Mackin. Mullica Hill, N.J., Nov. 2.

Clair Mitch '52, Easton, Pa., May 29 at his home from complications of leukemia. Formerly of Fair Lawn, N.J., he was the husband of Carolyn A. Mitch, with whom he celebrated 53 years of marriage on Dec. 29, 2010. He retired from Union Carbide in 1986 and Brown Chemical in 1996. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955 as an X-ray technician. His interests included music (playing the guitar and singing in the men's choir in his church) and traveling in his RV with his wife. He was a member of Forks United Church of Christ where he recently served as an elder. He was a member of the Tres Dias Christian Retreat Group for more than 30 years and a longtime member of the Blue Mountain Wanderers Camping Club

Loretta Wise '55 Hoffman, Camp Hill, Pa., June 26. She was a retired administrative assistant for the Arthritis Foundation. Donald R. Boyer '59, Kettering, Ohio, April 3, 2011. He moved to Dayton in 1961 and in 1965 began a 30-year career with AXA-Equitable. In 1992, he founded The Active Parkinsonians to educate and support others with Parkinson's disease and their carecivers.

John Yanuklis '60, Monroe, N.Y., Oct. 16. He was a former director and executive vice president of Strober Organization Inc., and manager of several of the firm's retail locations in the Hudson Valley. He was among the first to be honored in the Susquehanna University Football Hall of Fame, was a member and former chairman of the village of Monroe Planning Board, was on the board of directors of Wartburg Lutheran Homes, was a medic in the National Guard, and was a member of several local planning and building associations, as well as a parishioner of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Monroe. He is survived by his wife, Ann Hewes '61 Yanuklis

Lin Overholt '64, Sept. 6. He was formerly of Philadelphia, Pa., where he taught mathematics at Harding Jr. High School. He was the founder of American Credit & Debit Card Collectors Club and a member of various coin clubs.

Susann McAuliffe '66 Lucas, Ormond Beach, Fla., Sept. 25. She worked as a social worker for Children's Home Society. Preceding her in death was her twin sister, Ann McAuliffe '66 Darr. She is survived by her cousin, Peter de Mets '93.

Penney Graham '67 Gustafson, Marshfield, Mass. After graduating from Susquehanna University, she attended the Katherine Gibbs School and went to work at Harvard University. She later worked part time as a church secretary at the First Congregational Church in Marshfield and the Church of Holy Nativity in Weymouth, Mass. She enjoyed being involved with various groups and committees within her community, including the Marshfield Food Pantry, Gardening for God, First Congregational Church Fair and the annual Penny Sale. She is survived by her son, Kurt Gustafson '95.

Lamar Lucius Knight '70, San Francisco, Calif., May 5.

Raymond J. Dente '72, Old Forge, Pa., June 6. He was a 1968 graduate of the Valley Forge Military Academy. He was a graduate of the Franklin School of Science and the Arts in Philadelphia.

Karen Wiss '74 Maier, Nov. 26. She is survived by her daughter, Alexandra Maier '12, and uncle, Richard Derrick '61.

Raymond F. Rall Jr. '75, Mechanicsburg, Pa., July 3. He served in the Air Force and was retired from the Insurance Department of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He is survived by his brother, Thomas Rall '85.

Carol Barnabic '76 Smith, Medford, N.J., Aug. 18, 2010.

Howard John Lynde III '77, Millersburg, Pa., Nov. 4. Howard found his calling in state and federal law enforcement and enjoyed long years of public service as a Connecticut state trooper, a security specialist for Henry Kissinger, a special agent of the U.S. Department of State and a narcotics investigator for the Pennsylvania attorney generals office. In retirement, he worked for the Department of Homeland Security.

William A. Mangels '80, Green Township, N.J., July 26. He was the vice president of Scor Corp. (a Reinsurance Co.), New York, N.Y. Mangels was a proud member of Theta Chi fraternity, and he enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family.

Betty Snyder '83 Fry, Kent, Ohio, May 17. She set out on a career in nursing at Geisinger Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Danville, Pa. She worked at Sumbury Community Hospital while pursuing additional studies through the Regents External Degree Program of the State of New York and obtained an associate degree in



1923-2011

## IN MEMORIAM

Acting legend Cliff Robertson died on Sept. 10, 2011, just one day after his 88th birthday. He was an internationally known corporate spokesman, awardwinning writer and director, and star of television, stage and screen.

In 1985, at the request of his longtime friends Bill and Lyane Karniol, Robertson presented the Karniol Endowment for the Arts lecture at Susquehanna University. He was also the keynote speaker for the opening of Susquehanna's Window of Opportunity campaign. In recognition of his achievements in the entertainment industry, corporate communications and in service to others. Susquehanna University warded Robertson a Doctor of Fline Arts in 1983.

A native of Lafolia, Calif, he began his acting career on Broadway, where recognition of his talent landed him a role in Josh Logans first motion picture, *Plentie*, in 1956. During the more than 50 years he spent in show business, Robertson appeared in more than 60 movies, including *PT 109*, which chronicled President John F. Kennedy's heroism as a naval licutenant. In 1969, he received the Academy Award

for Best Actor for his role in Charly, and in 1968, he received an Emmy for Best Actor for his role in the TV show The Game. The Screen Actors Guild of America also honored Robertson with a special commendation for his stand against corruption in the film industry. Beginning in 1981, he served as a chief spokesman for AT&T in domestic and international television and radio advertising. In 1984, Ad Age named him "Ad Man of the Year" His most famous contemporary tole was that of Peter Parker's Uncle Ben in Sam Raimis Spider- Man trilogy.

Robertson's professional success was matched only by his charitable work. Throughout his career, he generously gave of his time and talents to advance the work of charitable organizations, including the American Cancer Society, the American Parkinson Disease Association, the United Way and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Bill Karniol noted that "Chiff's latent as an actor and constant champion of volunteerism and good deeds was unmatched through much of his personal and professional life. He did so much for so many."

nursing. Thereafter, she earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Susquehanna. She worked as a registered nurse at Edwin Shaw Hospital in Akron, Ohio, and began coursework at Kent State University, earning a Bachelor of Science in nursing. She worked as a registered nurse in the emergency department of St. Thomas Hospital in Akron. She continued her career at Akron General Medical Center as a registered nurse and clinical manager of the

emergency department on the evening shift until her retirement in 2001.

Michele O'Callaghan '85, Pleasantville, N.Y., Dec. 16. Michele was a free spirit, an incredible woman and a dear friend to anyone who knew her. She will truly be missed. A makeup artix who worked for the Late Show with David Letterman for 18 years, she was culogized on the nationally televised program. Susan Zabransky '87 Hughes, Saddle River, N.J., July 18. She was on the board of Pony Power Therapies in Mahwah, N.J.

Craig H. Smith '87, Chatham, N.J., Nov. 30. He was a partner at Zander Landscaping company in Green Village. Prior to that, he was the owner of Little Squire First Truck LLC and co-owner of Morris Invisible Fence Co., the owner of Clinton Invisible Fence Co., and an estimator for Brisk Waterproofing of Rideefield. N.J. He was a longtime member of both the Chatham and New Vernon fire departments. He also coached his daughter's softball and basketball teams at Oratory Prep Middle School. He is survived by his wife, Joanne Morris '87 Smith. THE BREADTH OF EXPERIENCES, TOPICS AND PERSONALITIES THAT COME TOGETHER AT SU

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# **End Notes**

# How to Save a Life BY STEPHEN WALLACE '81



"In turn, reaching out to people who need help, people like Brandon Bitner, also makes a critical difference ... and is a great reminder of how to save a life."

An early November black-balloon launch in Central Pennsylvania's Orchard Hills Cemetery marked the one-year anniversary of 14-year-old Brandon Bitner's suicide death. At the same time, it served as a celebration of his life; a celebration based, in part, on the bright light the Mount Pleasant Mills teen purposefully brought to the dark intersection of bullying and suicide.

Brandon's tragic death reminds young people everywhere of the debilitating humiliation bullying begets, an outcome so insufferable that many victims throw in the towel—or step in the path of a fast-moving tractor trailer, as Brandon did in the early morning hours of Nov. 5, 2010.

Like many suicide victims, Brandon left a note. Unlike many, his was more a mission statement, not only detailing the abuse he suffered at the hands of his classmates, but pointing to a path for progress in beating this most insidious of twin tragedies.

Brandon's was no small contribution, as the U.S. Department of Education reports that bullying at school is a pervasive problem that affects millions every year.

While bullying behavior has become more widely discussed and legislated against, it remains a salient source of anxiety and depression among young people. Warning signs include

- · Feelings of sadness or hopelessness
- · Declining school performance
- · Loss of pleasure/interest in social and sports activities
- · Sleeping too little or too much
- · Changes in weight or appetite
- · Nervousness, agitation or irritability
- Substance abuse



IN DECEMBER OF 2011 SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCED THE CREATION OF CARE, THE CENTER FOR ADOLESCENT RESEARCH AND EDUCATION AT SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY.

#### NORMAL CONFLICT OR BULLYING?

Sure, social conflict is an inevitable part of childhood, and not all such conflict is harmful. Constructive conflict helps children to learn, grow and change for the better. They become more open-minded and tolerant, learning to see things from other perspectives. Destructive conflict, on the other hand, damages relationships, creates bad feelings and can lead to serious problems.

How do you tell the difference? By recognizing the common forms that bullying, teasing and taunting take.

#### COMMON EXAMPLES OF BULLYING

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, bullying activity can be broken down into two types, direct and indirect:

Direct Bullying (bullying done face-to-face)

- Verbal (name calling, put-downs, insults, harassment)
- Physical (shoves, pushes, hitting, kicking, assault)
- Psychological (making a mean face, "dirty looks," threats, coercion and extortion)

Indirect Bullying (bullying done behind someone's back)

- Gossip (lowering people's opinions of the victim)
- Excluding certain people from groups and activities
- Social aggression (includes things that tend to damage a person's relationships with others, things like spreading untrue rumors about a person or telling others not to be friends with someone)

#### Types of Bullies

Most of us are all too familiar with the classic aggressive bullyeither from being a witness or a victim. Relational bullies have received less attention but are just as dangerous as they try to gain social status and power through the exclusion and manipulation of others, attempting to destroy a peer's social standing along the way.

#### THE EFFECTS ON VICTIMS

Perhaps not surprising, compared to their peers, kids who are bullied are up to nine times more likely to consider suicide, according to studies conducted at Yale University.

Highlighting the beginning of the 2011 National Suicide Prevention Awareness week in September, SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) chair Dr. Danna Mauch cited statistics from the Centers for Disease Control that list suicide as the third leading cause of death for 10 - to 24-year-olds, accounting for the loss of 4,320 young people in 2007, for example.

#### HOW TO HELP AND BE HELPED

On his blog, as published in Psychology Today, Harvard University psychiatrist John Sharp offers some help: "It is one thing to worry, feel hopeless, auxious and temporarily unable to carry on with life. Reaching out for help is what makes the critical difference."

In turn, reaching out to people who need help, people like Brandon Bitner, also makes a critical difference ... and is a great reminder of how to save a life.

Stephen Wallace is an associate research professor and director of the Center for Adolescent Research and Education (CARE) at Susquehanna University: He is also senior adviser for policy, research and education for SADD.

IN THE NEXT ISSUE: Look for a story about Brandon Bitner, a student violinist who had played in the Susquehanna Music Preparatory Program's youth orchestra, and what Susquehanna is doing to honor his memory.



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Have you ever wanted to find other alumni in your city? Maybe you'd like to connect with a Susquehanna graduate who works at the college to which your child is applying? Might it be helpful to

know if any alumni work at the company where you have a job interview? Or perhaps you'd find it helpful to learn more about the area to which you're thinking about moving your family?

If you have questions like these. Susquehanna has the answer: SU BRIDGE. the online directory connecting alumni, students and faculty around the world.













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# First Word

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Realigning Academic Affairs

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# **LEARNINGAMES**

BY VICTORIA KIDD, EDITOR



MORE THAN 170,000 STUDENT-ATHLETES AT 444 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING SUSQUEHANNA, PARTICIPATE IN NCAD DIVISION III ATHLETICS. According to the NCAA, academics is the primary focus of the division, and DIII institutions "minimize conflicts between athletics and academics and keep student-athletes on a path to graduation through shorter practice and playing seasons, the number of contests, no redshirting and regional competition that reduces time away from academic studies." In DIII sports, students are integrated into campus life and treated like equal members of the student body, which keeps them focused on being a student first. As a result, Division III student-athletes have the highest graduation rates of the three divisions, and they regularly outpace nonathletes on their campuses in the completion of degrees.

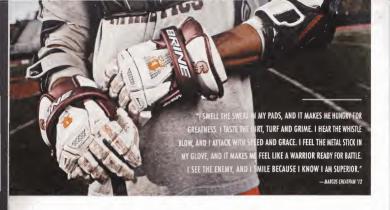
Director of Athletics Pamela Samuelson says DIII athletics gives Susquehanna students the opportunity to compete in a highly competitive sports environment while also pursuing their academic field of choice and participating in other campus activities. It's not always an easy balance, as the following stories suggest, but it's a challenge our student-athletes gladly accept to play the sports they love and be fully involved in campus life. And the lessons they learn along the way are immeasurable.

"Our coaches are in a position to teach some incredibly valuable life lessons, and we take pride in the impact that Susquehanna athletics has on the student-athletes overall collegiate experience," says Samuelson. "Our extensive offering of club sports and intramurals provides the same opportunity for any student to have a well-rounded collegiate experience," she adds, "and a large segment of the student body takes advantage of this by participating in some form of athletic activity while at Susquehanna."

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# MARCUS CHEATHAM 12

The senior business administration-entrepreneurship major from Reisterstown, Md., was encouraged by his mother to play lacrosse. Because it is a Caucasian-dominated sport and Maryland is one of the most competitive states in which to play it. Cheatham says, his mother thought lacrosse could "open more doors of opportunity for me." And she was right.

25% of susquehanna's student body plays intercollegiate sports.

LIST OF CLUB SPORT AND INTRAMURAL OPTIONS.

he and Lisa Pinizio '12 were hand-selected to attend. But in the

launch a streetwear line that speaks to a generation.

Touted as more than a clothing company, Paradigm Wear is described as "the manifestation of a perpetual lifestyle." According to their website, www.paradigmwear.com, the clothing line, which

potential in life."



### SARAH DICKERSON '12 IN IT FOR THE LONG RUN

Track and cross-country runner Sarah Dickerson says her favorite runs are when she can log 12 or more miles. "The longer I am out running, the better I feel," Dickerson says. "It's almost like I am able to peel away my stress with each mile."

to six hours before a race and a Clif Mojo bar about an hour Blink-182, State Radio and Jimmy Est World, Before warming up, she plays one of her songs on repeat, whichever one catches But, shesays, "I only eat the kitties because they are my favorite."

Warm-up begins with a 12-15 minute run, followed by

simulate the start of the race a few times so that your muscles are ready for that burst of motion."

After warm-ups, head coach Marty Owens gives the team lastminute instructions for the races. Then the team forms a circletheir hands resting atop one another as they chant: "S-U, S-U-S O-U, O-U-E, H-A-N-N-A, Susquehanna U, hey!"

Dickerson, a senior English and philosophy major from York Haven, Pa. began competitive running during her freshman year of high school. She played socer for many years before that, but decided it was time to change sports since her favorite part of socer was running laps around the field. And although her falther's experience as a marathon racer guided her in those early years, it was the release she felt while running that solidified her commitment. "For me, the best part of running is having the time to immerse myself in my own thoughts while smultaneously gaining a heightened awareness of my surroundings. Running is the only activity. I know that can generate this sensation."

And it is this feeling that has transformed Dickerson's definition of running. "Fitting running into the parameters of a sport is difficult because it's really a way of life more than a sport for me," she says.

With the miles she logs for practice, for meets and for sheer end-origination, injury has been a persistent companion. Multiple thresh (frictures have kept her from running for months at a time. Most recently, she spent part of the spring season healing from a tibilal press reaction. But, Dickerson says, "The risk of injury is not somethous that would ever influence me to give un running."

There is given such more to running than crossing the finish live first "she wave." If I have a great race, I'm certainly happy



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about it. But even in that case, it means more to me to see my coach pleased with my performance, because while running is an individual sport, in this team setting, we owe so much to our coach's training plans and personal guidance. Finishing well makes him proud, and that's how! say thanky you."

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# SUSQUEHANNA CREW THE ULTIMATE TEAM SPORT

In a boathouse, a few miles north of campus, four fernale rowers take hold of a 50-foot shell. At their coxswair's command, they take the boat from its rack, and in unison, step underneath it and lift it over their heads. They walk in militaristic fashion, listening as the coxswain (pronounced cox-en) directs them toward the Susquehanna River. At the dock, they uniformly drop the craft into the water, then rig the oars and adjust their seats. Once the boat is rigged, they step inside, altogether, one foot at a time. They take their seats in sync, and with one hand on their cans and the other on the dock, they push of the constraint of the other or the dock, they push of the constraint of the other or the dock, they push of the dock they push of the other or the dock, they push of the other or the other o

"One of the first things you hear is the water running under the boat. It makes a sound similar to trickling water," says Timothy Ostlund, a sophomore biology major from Centreville, Va., who rowed for three years in high school before joining Susquehanna's Crew Club. "Then, as eweryone starts rowing, you hear the sound of the oar blades going into and out of the water, pulling the boat along with them."

It's a cadence that lifts all concern from crew member Kate Strangfeld. "It's easy to get lost in the sound of the oars clicking in sync in the oarlocks and the feel of the boat gliding through the water," says the senior finance and French major from Ramsey, N.J.

The synchronicity the sport requires is as much of an escape for rowers as the sound. While it may appear to be an upper-body sport, rowing is actually a total body workout involving every major muscle group, beginning with the arms, then moving through the torso and the legs to produce what head coach James Grose calls "the quest for those perfect strokes."

Those "perfect strokes" are possible only when each rower is maintaining good posture and balance while simultaneously executing a stroke at precisely the same time as each of the other rowers. "The object is for everybody to move the same body part at the same time," explains Grose. "The oar blades should be entering and exiting the water at the same time."

This takes an incredible amount of teamwork and practice, which begins on dry land. The men and women practice as many as four hours a day, five days a week—first on ergometers ("ergs" for short) on campus, then on the river itself.

Although important, physical ability accounts for only part of a team's success in crew. "Rowing takes as much mental preparation as it does physical," Strangfeld explains. A rower's entire focus has to be on her strokes so she can stay in time

"THE CLUB-SPORT STATUS OF THE CREW TEAM ALLOWS AND COMPELS THE STUDENT-ATHLETES TO CHOOSE THE DIRECTION TAKEN BY THEIR TEAM. BY 'OWNING' THEIR TEAM, THESE ATHLETES LEARN LESSONS IN FINANCE. LOGISTICS AND ADMINISTRATION."

> JAMES GROSE HEAD COACH, SUSQUEHANNA CREW



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with her fellow rowers. The coxswain, who steers the shell, keeps them rowing together and offers a focus, taking their minds off the intensity of the workout they endure during their 2,000 and 5,000-meter races.

These skills—teamwork, determination, dedication and focus—are valuable byproducts of any sport, but in the case of crew, they are imperative. "If your boat doesn't row together, then it is just a mess," Strangfeld says.

As a student-initiated dub sport, Susquehanus Crew also presents student-athletes with opportunities for experiential learning. "The club-sport status of the crew team allows and compels the student-athletes to choose the direction taken by their team," Grose says. Susquehanma's club sports are responsible for such things as budget development, fundraising, and creation of rosters and emergency management planis. "By fowning' their team," Grose says, "these athletes learn lessons in finance, logistics and administration." Moreover, they form dose-sint bonds, encouraging each other to meet and exceed their personal best

"Rowing against varisty teams from Division I universities in races from New York to Virginia, we don't always bring home medals, but that doesn't mean we're not winners," asys Grose. "I feel proud of mysudents because they are gaining respect for themselves and each other with every outing. We focus on personal victories, doing better than the day before and getting better each race." In other words, they learn lessons they can use in any situation life throws at them.

When Colleen Sullivan '85 Trevisan landed a job at Yogue magazine fresh out of college, she had no idea her good fortune would start a chain reaction that would ripple through the lives of two other Susquehanna alumnae, too.

Although she was an economics major, hevison says the always wanted to work in angazines."I was very lucky to land a job at Tague right out of Susquehanna. At the time, you needed an degree from one of the seven sister colleges or be related to a fanous feshion designent to get a job at Vague. In still not sure how I squeated in there! says the Upper Soddle River. N.J. notive.

Trevison worked for legendary editor Shirley Lord, who become a dedicated mentor. "Although," Trevison quips, "my first task on Oay One was to buy Barbara Walters a birthday present. Believe everything you saw in *The Devil Nears Proda*."

After six years of Yague, Tevision moved on to Varking Vannon for two years, then McColl's for Your years. When Tevision had he first shift in 1973, she quickly realtized a full-little jobs work gaing in work." I was communing three hours a day and my life-work bolance was aff." she says. "I put the word on the street that I was loaking for a more flexible situation, and lockily Time Inc., called with a threedry position at New York."

As Health's beauty and fashion director, Trevison soon needed assistants of her own. In 2000, she contacted Susquebanno after hearing the university was looking to place students from the graduoting class. "Truthfully. I had always hired assistants with post magazine experience," Trevison says: "Dut Leoh and I shared a lat of the some experiences of Susquebanno, and her résumé coupht my ere."

The Leah to whom she refers, is **Leah Wyar-Ramita** "BO who had graduate school in her sights until Tevision given the inexperienced 22-year-old a shad in the commercial magazine industry his yeart. Wyar-Boarin, now at Casanapolinian on agazine, had the appartunity to mentor her own newly mitted Susquebanno alumna, **Kellie Nebker** 12, who did an internatip with her at Casanapolitica before londing a full-time job at Opanh magazine, nearly a manh before brain in the devere in hand.





BY Victoria Kidd Editor





STEP BACK TO 2000, when in the course of a week. Wyar-Romito's life took a drastic turn. The Johnstown, Pa., native was getting ready to graduate from Susquehanna with a degree in psychology. Her near-term plans were set. She had been accepted into a graduate program at George Washington University, where she intended to advance her study of psychology. But a fateful visit to the Career Development Center one day brought those plans to a screeching halt.

An ad for an assistant beauty and fashion editor at Health magazine caught her attention, "Even though I didn't study journalism at Susquehanna, something in my gut told me to throw my résumé in the ring," Wyar-Romito says.

A week or so later, Wyar-Romito received a call from Trevisan, which was followed by two trips to New York City for interviews. When they met, the women clicked immediately. "She was this supereager, weeks-away-from graduating, doeeved girl from Pennsylvania, and I knew she had the drive and the smarts to come up the learning curve quickly," Trevisan says. "I also loved that her dad was waiting for her in my lobby."

From there, life was a whirlwind. On May 13, 2000, Wyar-Romito turned 22.

"I deferred my (graduate school) accentance for a year, thinking I could go back to my original plan if things didn't work out. But very soon I realized that being a heauty editor wasn't just something I was going to be great at, it was something I had a passion for my entire life. So I ended up finding a career, not just a job, coming out of the gate."

Wyar-Romito has spent the last 12 years working as an editor for national magazines. She worked at Health, under Trevisan's direction, for nearly five years. She then moved to Self magazine for four years and Fitness for one year. "I loved Fitness and really had no plans to leave that job for many years, but Cosmo is Cosmo. It's the No. 1 young women's magazine-a recognized worldwide brand, a total phenomenon-so I had to seize the opportunity," she says.

Now, 12 years into her career as a magazine editor, Wyar-Romito is exactly where she wants to be-working as beauty director at Cosmopolitan magazine and giving other "super eager, weeks-away-fromgraduating, doe-eyed girls," like Kellie Nebiker, a shot in the fast-paced world of high-profile magazine production.

"The opportunity that Colleen gave me changed the whole course of my life,"

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City on May 16 and walked into the office of Health magazine for her first day of work on May 17.

"My life completely changed, all because

Wyar-Romito says. "Magazines, New York City-neither one of those things were part of my plan as a college senior. But I can't imagine my life without them now. I've found a fulfilling career that I'm passionate about. I love New York City and made it my home. I met my husband here. None of this would have happened without Colleen, so I'm just paying that opportunity forward."

WHEN NEBIKER WAS a first-year student. a professor asked what her dream job was. She told him she'd thought about working



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focusing on learning all she could about marketing, ultimately finishing her course requirements a semester early. But little dishe know that a serendipit rus invitation three years later would turn the direction of her life on its heels.

In November 2011, Nebluer attended a presentation hosted by the Department of Communications. The guest speaker was Wyar-Romito. As she listened to her speak, Nebilizer's long-forgotte urges to work in the magazine industry resurfaced. She just had to introduce herself to this woman.

And introduce herself she did. Although several students fulled to her after the presentation, Wyar-Romito says Nebilser made the strongest impression. "Her hair, makeup and outfit looked super professional. She introduced herself with incredible confidence, looking me in the eye, smilling and firmly shaking my hand-those things Susquehanna professors tell you make a difference," Wyar-Romito says. "And then she whipped out an SU business card! I nearly died! I thought this was the coolest thing! ever saw This girl, a senior in college, already had a business card. I took her résumé and wrote on it "excellent future thire."

Weeks later, one of Wyar-Romito's spring interns fell through. "Dhat résumé and Susquehanna business eard, filed away in her desk, came to mind, and she called Neblier about the opporturaity." It told. Her I had an opportunity and, as fearless as a Cosmo girl, she accepted, "Wyar-Romito says.

"From the day I started, I was determined to be the best intern they had ever seen," Nebiker says. "I networked whenever I got the Shance. I gave out as many business cards as I could and talked with Cosmo employees on every level, from the mail carrier to the publisher of the magazine.

People took notice to her go-getter attitude. "Kellife didn't disppoint," Wyar-Romito says. "She was absolutely one of the best interns I've ever had. She didn't just do her job, she went above and beyond with that killer work ethic SU instills. She wouldn't do something the way it's always been done. Shed find a new beter, more efficient way to do it. And while doing a crackerjack job for me, she was always looking for ways to connect and network for a future loby.

One of Cosmo's ad salespeople was equally impressed with Neblker after meeting her during a weekly "Cosmo U" session (meetings various Cosmo employees have with interns to explain their fales and answer interns' questions). She asked for

Nebiker's résumé and told her to apply for the open advertising and sales assistant position at O, The Oprah Magazine. Nebiker applied online the next morning, and within an hour, she received a phone call from O. Three interviews followed that day, and she was asked to come to the magazine's office for two more interviews the following week. She was offered the position the day after her in-person interviews.

nearly six weeks before graduation and a world away from the small town of Lewisburg, Pa., where she grew up. Once resigned to a much different career path, Nebiker has found the dream job and her course of study at Susquehanna as she works alongside O's Executive Beauty Director Patricia Foster selling advertising to some of the magazine's most exclusive clientele. As for Trevisan, who began

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sion is the next frontier. Since June, she has

been working as executive producer on a show with her former Vogue colleague and friend, Stacy London, host of TLCs What Not to Wear. The show, which Trevisan and London were busy pitching to the networks this summer, will examine the zany world of college admissions. (N) PENCIL 28

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TO PROFESSOR'S MEMOIR



BY VICTORIA KIDD, EDITOR







ON THE NIGHT OF NOV. 4, 2010. Brandon's mother, Tammy Simpson, gave her son a hug and kiss and told him she loved him before going to bed. It was a routine they shared every night. Brandon told Simpson he loved her, too.

"I'll see you tomorrow," she said.

headed downstairs to make a cup of tea. It

was her morning routine. On the kitchen table was a Post-it note from Brandon. This is how they typically communicated anything they forgot to tell one another the night before. This note read, "Mom. read letter on computer."

"I figured it was a homework assignment or something like that," Simpson says.

Simpson went over to the computer and hit the mouse. The letter that popped up was not what she expected. "The first sentence I read was, 'On this day, Nov. 5, I am taking my life! And I was like, 'What?' It didn't register. But as I continued to read, it hit me, 'Oh my God, this is Brandon's suicide note," Simpson recalls.

Simpson immediately called the police, and then began dialing family and friends. As the morning wore on, reports started coming in about "something going on" seven miles down the road on Routes 11 & 15. Although it seemed too far away for Brandon to walk on a night that dropped into the low 30s, a friend went to the scene to see what she could learn. She was hysterical when she reported back, "All they'll tell me is it's a 14-year-old boy."

Grasping for hope, Simpson says she was in complete denial. Then came the fateful

knock at the door that no parent wants to answer. "When I opened the door, my husband came through first, then the detective and the officer. As soon as I saw the detective and the officer I knew They didn't even have to say anything," Simpson says.

news reports revealed that Brandon had suffered years of anti-gay bullying at the hands of his peers. Brandon was softspoken and shy. He wore thick-lensed glasses most of his life. He adored his violin and played in what was formerly the Susquehanna University preparatory program's youth orchestra. He was very artistic. He loved to write and cook. For such things, Simpson says, Brandon was called "gay, faggot and sissy." The bullying got worse-and even turned physicalwhen Brandon decided to "go Goth," a move Simpson allowed so he could express his individuality. At one point, Simpson says someone sent Brandon an anonymous text threatening to kill both her and Brandon. Then, she says, about three weeks before he died, another boy berated him in the middle of class by asking him if he was gay, if he ever kissed a boy, if he ever had sex with a boy.

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"PEOPLE SAY THERE ARE SIGNS when someone is going to commit suicide, and I say, 'No, in Brandon's case, there was nothing.' His grades didn't drop. He didn't miss school. He continued to eat," says Simpson. "And as we all know, being a good parent doesn't necessarily mean your child is going to come to you."

Retief observed this dynamic play out while working as a high school teacher. "I very much felt like there were these two layers. There was this public layer the students presented and then there were these little clues about what might be going on underneath," Retief says.

"Many of my colleagues would say, 'The kids seem to be very happy. There doesn't seem to be much bullying going on here.' And on the surface, I agreed, but what I would reply to my colleagues is, 'Well, my school looked like that, too, if you were in the classroom. A whole different dynamic developed when there were no adults around' ... Kids keep their kid experiences private from adults."

Retief even recalls talking to his parents in code when they asked about school. "I'd say things like, "The guys aren't very nice," which was an understatement, to say the least," Retief says, laughing at the thought of making such a benign statement.

But in the end, Retief and Brandon found the strength to reveal the true extent of . their abuse-Retief, through writing, and Brandon, through the challenge he set forth in his suicide note. Brandon asked his family and friends to spread the word about the devastating effects of bullying, and his call has been answered.

herself becoming a public speaker. She had a speaking engagement at Susquehanna this spring when the Department of Music's Opera Studio presented three benefit performances of Die Fledermaus ("The Bat"), a comic opera by Johann Strauss. established by Brandon's family to support the talents of Susquehanna music majors.

"For me, it kind of keeps Brandon's love of music alive, but it's also helping another student whose dream is music," Simpson says.

Retief also supported that dream by donating the proceeds from his latest book launch, the paperback release of The Jack Bank, to the scholarship fund. Simpson says she was "surprised and grateful" for Retief's support. "I look at Glen and I



Brandon Bung

think, 'He's such a success story.' And I wish all kids could be like that: pull through it and be successful, and not let the bullying hold them back."

Although Brandon didn't overcome his torment, Simpson considers him a success, thanks to the awareness his death is shedding on issues of bullving and suicide. This summer, his presence was felt worldwide when a picture of Brandon went on tour with Madonna, appearing in a video that played during her performance of Nobody Knows Me. His appearance in the video even earned the scholarship fund a \$5,000 donation from Live Nation Tours (USA) Inc.

"That was Brandon's dream. He wanted to play, and be in front of people and entertain. His big thing was going on tour and performing like the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, under the lights with all the cool violin music," Simpson says, smiling at the memory, her voice trailing off for a moment.

"Well," she finally says. "Brandon kind of got his wish. He's under the lights and he's touring now."

Read it online at www.susqu.edu/currents/savealife.Wallace, a 1981 graduate of Susquehanna, serves as associate research professor and director of the university's new Center for Adolescent Research and Education (CARE).

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#### A MESSAGE TO THE SUSQUEHANNA COMMUNITY

## From John R. Strangfeld, Cukin in the DOARD OF THUSTOLS



"These are challenging times for higher education. ... We believe Dr. Lemons' sustained leadership is a great asset for Susquehanna as we confront these challenges." I am very happy to share the good news that President L. Jay Lemons and the Susquehanna Board of Trustees have agreed to an extension of Dr. Lemons' contract through June 30, 2017.

This ensures continuity of Dr. Lemons' leadership, allowing Susquehanna to sustain the tremendous momentum achieved during his tenure to date. Susquehanna has emerged in recent years as a member of the Annapolis Group, which includes 130 of the nation's leading, residential, liberal arts colleges.

During Dr. Lemons' tenure, the university has developed two strategic plans that placed an increased emphasis on intellectual engagement and a strong university community. Our new Central Curriculum was introduced, including adding the Global Opportunities (GO) requirement. With the addition of GO, Susquehanna is among only a handful of schools to mandate a study-awaye experience for all students and is the only institution that requires a post-travel course in which students reflect on how that experience changed them. In three years, nearly 700 of our students have either traveled to, or will be visiting, countries on six of the seven continents. The GO program has set Susquehanna apart by ensuring an integration of the cross-cultural experience and the broader academic program. This is critical in an increasinely slobal economy.

Susquehanna has been cited as a national leader for its graduation rates, consistently placing among the top-performing liberal arts colleges and far exceeding the average graduation rates among all colleges and universities. This serves as a testament to the strength of the Susquehanna community, especially our faculty. A recent restructuring is aimed at bolstering even further the support structure to ensure students succeed while on campus and after graduation.

Susquehanna's enrollment has climbed by 36 percent since 2000-01 to 2,224 for the 2012-13 cademic year, and application numbers have set new records under Dr. Lemons' leadership. The increases have been spurred by an expanded campus footprint resulting from strategic property acquisitions and a number of capital improvements, including a new LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)-certified Natural Sciences Center that is a symbol of educational excellence, quality and innovation. The growth has allowed us to increase the death of our scademic proprams.

The university also has made significant progress in the area of diversity in the student body, as well as among our faculty ranks. This has enhanced the eademocreprience and the quality of student life, both of which also are being strengthened by a capital campaign that met with success despite a deep recession. The campaign, during which the university celebrated its sesquicentennial, was Susquehanna's most ambitious, well exceeding its \$70 million goal.

The the cocurricular side of the house, the university's athletics program has been realigned in new athletic conferences. The LeaderShape program was established to develop student leaders, and the university's Greek organizations saw a growth in numbers which included also the emergence of our first historically black fraternities and sororities. TRAX, a student-run nightclub, and a number of new residence halls also have been added to the campus landscape.

These are challenging times for higher education and our nation's liberal arts colleges. We believe Dr. Lemons' sustained leadership is a great asset for Susquehanna as we confront these challenges. He has helped to move Susquehanna to the forefront and the board has tremendous confidence that his guidance will be beneficial in determining how to ensure that a liberal arts education remains vital, meaningful and accessible both here at Susquehanna and in the landscape of American higher education.

There is great alignment between Dr. Lemons' goals and those of the board. Well-known for his ability to connect with studeats, and remember their names and their stories, he is a wonderful fit for Susquehanna. The continuity of leadership ensured by this reappointment provides an ongoing opportunity to move Susquehanna forward in ways that will benefit all members of the university community, as well as the world our students are being prepared to serve and lead.

Kaitryn Ronning '15, a biology and music major from Davis, Calif., spent the summer working with Marie Burns '92, professor of prhthalmology and vision science at the University of California, Davis.

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# Departments

PEOPLE & PLACES

SCORFROARD

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# PEOPLE & PLACES



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## Campus Dance Groups Create Community

Having the ability to dance at college without being a dance major was very important to Melissa. Hughes' college choice. Fortunately, the junior political science and economics major found that Susquehanna offered several options for satisfying

tap, ballet and contemporary styles. The studentrun organization lets students take as many or as prefers this studio model to that of many other colleges, where dance classes and opportunities are scarce for those not majoring in the art.

The group, comprising dancers at every skill level, holds an annual Spring Showcase in conjunction with the Dance Team, a group of advanced,

Rebeka Torlay '13, an earth and environmental Circle at an activities fair her first year of college. She says she was intrigued by the "cool and different" club and its welcoming attitude toward those with no dance experience, such as herself.

tions helping women. A subset of the events, such as Columbia University's and the "Asian Extravaganza" at

"We provide a safe and fun environment to learn how to dance and to

appreciate our bodies exactly as they are," says Gabrielle Tompkins '12, a Spanish major and last year's belly dance co-captain.

As Susquehanna's belly dancers shimmy to the hypnotic notes of Middle Eastern compositions, SU Swings! is jitterbugging. The group meets twice a week to learn and practice swing dance. Members as Sock Hops at the on-campus nightclub, TRAX. and dance workshops at Charlie's Coffeehouse.

"Swing dancing is extremely easy to learn and a lot of fun to do," says creative writing major and Swings! president Michelle Coles '13, Coles believes that dancing with a partner increases the ing with each other more ... which makes it so easy for us to get to know each other," Coles explains.

"I think people, myself included, gain a sense Jones '12, a biochemistry major and former Swings! president. In fact, all three organizations longtime dancers like Hughes, who "can't imagine not dancing," and newcomers like Torlay, who are



(Right) The Susquehanna University Dance Corps, comprising dancers at every skill level, holds

(Above) The SU Belly Dance Circle performs at Charlie's Coffeehouse and in showcases that benefit nonprofit organizations helping women.

# Class and Lecture Examine The Impact of Arab Spring

In January, Egyptians marked the first anniversary of the Arab



Besides connecting the revolutions to global politics, the lecture also facilitated personal connections for some students. Rachel Word '14 was struck by a picture Rubin showed of Egyptian graffiti, "The graffiti was a way for revolutionaries to spread their ideals and share their beliefs." Word says, "As a creative writing major, the lecture made me think about how I represent my own personal ideals and moral beliefs,"

Kesgin enlightened a spring semester class on the subject through his new course. The Arab Spring: Protest and Revolution in the Middle Fast. Students studied social mobilization in the Arab world. and investigated the domestic, regional and international politics of the Arab Spring, as well as the movement's emergence and aftermath. "The lecture was, in a way, a precursor to the class and gauged student interest in this topic," Kesgin says,

When teaching Middle East politics, Kesgin's first objective is to highlight how diversity and political affairs intersect in the Arab world. He then strives to showcase the region's rich history and traditions. "The lecture did a great job in presenting the Susquehanna community with domestic dynamics behind the Arab Spring, as well as its implications for Israel in particular," says Kesgin,

Governments, protestors and Middle East scholars such as Rubin and Kesgin are uncertain how the Arab Spring will be remembered, but Rubin is confident that democracy has already

#### Initiative Explores Intersection of Liberal Arts and Medicine

founded in 2005 under the direction of Associate Professors of History Ed Slavishak and Karol K. Weaver, explores how humanpractice of medicine. In the spring, the trator Jennifer McCormick to campus to discuss her work.

McCormick exemplifies the initiative by a medical expert. She's spent just as much time studying the human anatomy as she has learning techniques to draw it.

She studied in the Department of Art as Applied to Medicine at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where she had the opportunity to observe anatomical dissections and surgical procedures. "You need to know what you are looking for in order to render it," McCormick explained. This combination of medical and artistic knowledge laid the groundwork for her career.

In 2002, McCormick started her own business. Art for Law and Medicine, which produces detailed medical illustrations for court cases. Her goal is to create an impactful and clear image to help juries understand that the injuries happened to another human being, while also present-

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Www.mindbodymedicalart.com

the victim's anatomy was impacted.

Witnessing the pain and suffering of the victims in her cases led McCormick to her artistic work X-ray Visions. She uses radiography and soft pastels layered onto lithographic paper with white gouache to produce hand-painted bird images. Through her work, McCormick conveys her faith in the recovery of the victims and clearly demonstrates the connection between medicine and the humanities.

The MHI regularly sponsors events on campus led by nationally recognized scholars and Susquehanna faculty and dance therapy and pain relief, the history of anorexia nervosa, and the photographic documentation of Iraqi war veterans.

#### Exhibit Explores Travel, Foreignness

A tiny placard on the floor read. "Please walk on the boardwalk." That invitation gave attendees at the recent *Up-Routed For* exhibit at the Lore Degenstein Gallery the rare opportunity to stand on art. The video sculpture, titled *Foreigner*, was a light brown boardwalk with a screen embedded in it. Stepping onto the boardwalk revealed the video loop of the word "foreigner" being written in the sand by receding waves.

The award-winning artist behind the exhibit, Asya Reznikov, holds a Master of Fine Arts from Hunter College. She was born in Russia and has lived in the United States, England, Holland, Germany, Italy, india and France. Consequently, travel looms large as a theme in Reznikov's work and is often apparent in her use of postcards, maps, suitcases and architecture in her creations.

On the exhibit's opening night, Reznikov delivered a talk that posed these questions: "Who are we? What do we bring with us?" The idea of packing and unpacking one's life is a theme in many of her video sculp-

tures, such as Kitchen Sink, which projects a video of kitchen supplies being crammed into a cardboard box, and Packing Berlin, which uses video to make a suitcase look as if it's being filled. Reznikov plays with the concept of packing in wall-hung video installations as well. Circadian Rhythm, for instance, uses two synchronized screens to show the same woman both packing and unpacking a suitcase.

She also uses sculpture, glasswork, paintings, drawings and photographs to explore similar themes of foreignness and identity. Reznikov's photography series Translation features herself in public places, wearing huge, heavy wings made of translated dictionary pages. "No matter how well you learn a language, there's still that barrier," she explained.

Reznikov's unique work and sharp thematic focus captured many viewers' imaginations, including that of English major Kathleen Nelson '14. "It was fascinating to see how one artist could utilize so many artistic media within an art exhibit that was thematically unified," says Nelson. "They all contributed to the communication of her ideas about traveling and relocating, cultural diversity and personal identity in a way that was captivating and ensaging."

Dan Olivetti, director of the Lore Degenstein Gallery, initially saw the exhibit, then titled Up-Routed, in a New York City venue. "I was impressed by its freshness and cutting-edge qualities," he says. When Up-Routed was brought to Susquehanna, Olivetti was pleased to find that the exhibition had evolved into the larger and more comprehensive Up-Routed For, and was generally well-received by the public. "To my delight, Up-Routed For was hugely popular among the young, the old and everyone in between, although there were, as always, some people who didn't care for it. But whatever the reaction to the exhibition was, the viewer was induced to think about art, and their personal view of what constitutes art."

WEB EXTRA: For more on the Lore Degenstein Gallery, visit www.susqu.edu/gallery.

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— Dan Olivetti
Director, Lore Degenstein Gallery





Two residence halls in Susquehanna University's West Village complex recently earned silver-level LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. The residence halls follow the example of Susquehanna's Natural Sciences Center, which earned silver LEED certification in 2011.

Built in 2007 and 2008 and housing more than 330 students in seven buildings, West Village represents the university's ongoing commitment to The five buildings constructed to meet LEED criteria-the newly certified Linden and Laurel halls, and three others expected to achieve certification-are notable for their energy-conscious use of lighting, water and materials, as well as other sustainability features.

human systems integrate with natural systems," said Rick Fedrizzi, president, CEO and founding chair of the U.S. Green Building Council, "Susquehanna University's West Village project efficiently uses our natural resources and makes an immediate, positive impact on our planet, which will tremendously benefit future generations."

Susquehanna's embrace of green initiatives is grounded in its guiding values of good stewardship and ethical responsibility. The university applies sustainable practices to everything from construction and energy use, to academics, printing and publications. A Committee on Sustainability, a green car-rental program, and student organizations such as Student Awareness for the Value of the Environment (SAVE) all play key roles in advancing the university's commit-



(Above) Linden and Laurel halls, located in Susquehanna's West Village complex, have earned silver-level LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

Contributing writers to The 'Grove section are Karen Jones, assistant director of media relations; Megan McDermott '14, a creative writing and religion major from Lewisberry, Pa.; Dalton Swett '13, a creative writing major from Effingham, N.H.; and Elise Tomaszewski '14, a creative writing and German major from Selinsgrove, Pa.

# SCOREBOARD



Stankaitis '13

# Stankaitis Becomes First SU Women's Lacrosse All-American

#### An Award-Winning Year

The 2011-12 athletic year not only produced wins and highlight-reel plays. but also turned out numerous major awards for both the student-athletes and their coaches.

The fall season alone saw two staff members earn Landmark Conference Coaching Staff of the Year honors. Head volleyball coach Kuuipo Tom and his assistants were recognized, as were head women's soccer coach Jim Findlay and his staff. In addition, senior men's cross country runner Ian Outinian was tabled the Male Runner of the Year after winning the Landmark Conference crown

The awards continued into the winter seasons when the men's and women's swimming & diving teams swept the Swimmer of the Year awards as Chadd Lee '13 and Devin Lessard '13 picked up their respective honors after recordbreaking years. In other individual action. junior thrower Ken Schetroma was again named the Male Indoor Field Athlete of the Year, while track & field head coach Marty Owens and his assistants were selected as the Women's Coaching Staff of the Year

The spring season saw Susquehanna collect even more hardware. Senior softball player Lisa Finizio was tabbed the Player of the Year, while her head coach Kathy Kroupa and her assistants were pegged as the Coaching Staff of the Year after leading the Crusaders to the overall No. 1 seed in the postseason tournament.

In addition, women's lacrosse head coach Laura Moan and assistant coach Katie Zichelli earned Coaching Staff of the Year honors. In track & field action. Schetroma again nabbed the Outdoor Male Field Athlete of the Year accolade. while Owens and his staff picked up Men's Coaching Staff of the Year recognition.



Ken Schetroma '13

Finally, head women's tennis coach Bob Jordan and his assistants earned their first-ever Coaching Staff of the Year honor.

For anyone keeping track, the Crusaders won seven Landmark Conference Coaching Staff of the Year honors, and four individual studentathletes were pegged Player of the Year in their respective sports. Time to make room in the James W. Garrett Sports Complex trophy case!

#### Football Lends a Hand

This spring, 13 members of the Susquehanna football team took part in SU SERVE, the university's month-long campaign to complete 10,000 volunteer service hours, by cleaning trails along the historic battlefields of Getrysburg. Pa.

The effort was spearheaded by Anthony Palazzolo '13, of Jenkinstown, Pa., the team's manager and a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon. Palazzolo organized a similar effort last year with his fraternity, and this year helped coordinate the football team's trip.



#### southern peak of the Gettysburg Battlefield.

Susquehanna's alumni, students, parents, faculty and staff smashed. SERVES: 10,000-hour goal by completing more than 17,000 hours of community service during the month of Aoril.

Offensive coordinator Nate Milne and his wife, Kristen, accompanied Palazzolo and the following student-athletes to Gettysburg for the day of service:

Adrian Bernard '15, of East Stroudsburg, Pa.

George Pachucy '15, of Olyphant, Pa-

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Mike Hetherington '15, of Millburn, N.J.

Martin Horn '15, of Madison, N.J.

Joe Koppleman '15, of Westminster, Md.

T.J. Morton '15, of Fikton, Md.
Ian Murray '15, of Tyrone, Pa.

Jake Sickels '15, of Potomac, Md.

Mike Statuti '15, of Souderton, Pa.



Former football and track & field athlete Cory Mabry '91 is one of 36 inductees into the inaugural Mid-Atlantic Conference (MAC) Hall of Fame, announced this spring.

Mabry was a two-time All-American and three-time All-MAC player as a member of the Crusaders football squad. He holds the school record in career interceptions (26) and interception return yards (400). In 1988, he led the nation and tied the single-season school record with 10 interceptions. As a track & field athlete, he was a three-time MAC

championships as both a junior and senior, earning All-America status as a junior. In addition to his success in the triple jump, Mabry also placed in the 110-meter hurdles and 400-meter relay at a MAC championship meet.

Mabry was inducted into Susquehanna's Sports Hall of Fame in 2000.

The Hall of Fame is an initiative of MAC 100, a program celebrating the centennial anniversary of the conference. The Hall of Fame was established to recognize student-athletes, coaches, administration, faculty or staff from the MAC who demonstrated success in athletics, academics and in the community. This year's 36 inductees represent 25 schools and 13 sports.

#### X's and O's

For the second
Susquehanna won the Landmark
Conference All-Sports President's
Cup, which is awarded based on a
formula that rewards institution
for their finishes in the regularseason conference standings

as well as results in Landmark postseason competition.
Susquehanna also won the award following the 2009–10 season.

Susquehanna legend Don Harnum announced his retirement as the head men's golf coach in June. Harnum spent 35 years at Susquehanna in various roles, including athletic director, head men's basketball coach and head men's oolf coach.



Seniors Lisa Finizio and Joe Zamadics earned the prestiglous Harnum and Heaton awards, respectively. These awards are given to two seniors—one male, one female—who best exemplify the ideals of a student-athlete and intercollegiate athletics.

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STORIES FROM AROUND



Kaitryn Ronning '15 blology and music

#### 0 & A

Sophomore Kaitryn Ronning, a biology and music major from Davis, Calif., spent the summer getting a unique glimpse into her prospective field by working side by side with Susquehanna alumna Marie Burns, professor of ophthalmology at Davis. Ronning served as a lab assistant in The Burns I sh at UC-Davis, named for the 1992 Susquehanna graduate.

Calling Ronning "a joy to have in the lab," Burns says: "It is quite remarkable that someone finishing their first year at any institution environment and work so well with a team of PhDs. It will be great fun to watch Kaity's career develop, and I hope she will come back over future term breaks to continue the work."

SC: How did you land your internship? KR: Marie reached out as an alumna in my hometown before I had even decided which college someone on the West Coast who had a lot of success after Susquehanna. We continued sending some my adviser, this internship really fell into place.

SC: What did your work entail?

KR: I investigated the localization of proteins in different regions of photoreceptor cells of the retina. I have never studied photoreceptors, or even the retina in general, so most of what I worked on was new to me. I think I was most surprised at how beautiful and almost art-like

SC: What sort of bond developed between KR: While I did some independent work, Marie together, and take images of slides. Besides

JH: Even after only one year at Susquehanna, position, but for any others to come. Having such

#### SYLLABUS

Spanish Program Engages Latino Community



Learning Spanish should be more than just academic, according to Professor of Spanish Leona Martin, At Susquehanna, it leads to engagement with the Latino community-an experience available through Martin's Spanish for the Service Professions course and Susquehanna's annual

In Spanish for the Service Professions. students with service-oriented career interests converse with native speakers and participate in service learning. Last fall, many students fulfilled the course's service component by working one-on-one with ESL (English as a Second Language) students in the Shikellamy and Selinsgrove

SUPER SEALS, an ESL/ELL (English language learners) study program for students at the Selinsgrove Intermediate School, They also conducted a workshop at Milton High School to generate interest in postsecondary education among Latino students.

During a class trip to Reading, Pa., students discussed local political issues with Michael Rivera, a Latino politician. In New York City, they toured Spanish Harlem and met with Willie Perdomo, a renowned Latino poet famous for his performances at the Nuyorican Poets Café on the Lower East Side. Perdomo then visited campus in the spring as a poet-in-residence.

"We were immersed in the culture of those living in los barrios del Spanish Harlem," explains Jessica Zigarelli '12, childhood education. Zigarelli came to appreciate that, "Spanish is a vast language, with several dialects and different cultures representing the one language."

By the end of the course, students had will provide the background needed to settings," Martin says.

This cultural appreciation is promoted throughout campus during the annual Latino Symposium. In its 17th year, the their tradition of contributing to sym-Awareness (HOLA) hosted a dance workshop and the evening gala dance at TRAX,

says HOLA's president Roger Manzano '14.

The symposium also featured a luncomunidad," which translates to "lights

taking students beyond textbook knowledge and into interaction with the Latino community. Spanish graduates often keep up this commitment in their own careers. particularly those who go on to teaching "the importance of recognizing the growsays Martin. "That says a great deal."



The Hunt for the "God Particle"

The discovery that atoms, once thought to be the basic unit of matter, are made of particles continues to inspire questions among scientists. "How deep can we dig into particles?" asks Assistant Professor of Physics Samya Bano Zain. "And will we ever find what we are all made of?"

These inquiries fuel Zain's work in experimental particle physics-specifically, the hunt for the Higgs boson particle, sometimes referred to as the "God particle." Scientists can examine the microseconds following the Big Bang, but discovering this elusive particle, believed to give mass to all other particles, will bring them even closer to the creation of the universe.

This quest is not Zain's alone. She belongs to a worldwide community of physicists tackling this subject—the ATLAS Collaboration, a project of the Buropean Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN. On July 4, CERN announced that two separate teams working at its Large Hadron Collider (LHC) are more than 99 percent certain they've discovered the so-called God particle, or at least a new particle exactly where they expected to find the Higgs. But a week later, scientists from Cornell University published a paper casting doubt on the findings and prompting CERN scientists to perform further analysis on the particle, which is lighter than what they

So it seems that, for now, the search for the God particle will continue-a turn of events that is actually beneficial to Susquehanna students. Members of the ATLAS Collaboration examine data from the LHC, a 17-mile-long circular tunnel that sends particles traveling through it at nearly the speed of light. Zain says the collider, located 100 meters underground on the border of Switzerland and France, is "the largest

At Susquehanna, data from the Large Hadron Collider is filtered through a Tier-3 Grid Cluster computer for analysis. A group of seniors put together this cluster as part

"Now students at Susquehanna can do data analysis to find subatomic particlespretty much the same kind of research I do at CERN and other physicists are doing around the world," says Zain. "How cool is that?"

Physics students agree that this is a tremendous opportunity. Allison Sample '14, who majors in physics and mathematics, spent her summer doing research with questions, and the discoveries that we can make while studying it could teach us so much about the way the universe works," she says.

collaboration within the Susquehanna community is also influential, especially to the students immersed in the mysterious pursuit of the universe's origins.

#### KUDOS

#### Faculty Recognized for Service to Susquehanna

Two Susquehanna University faculty members received academic awards for exemplary service to the institution at the school's 2012 commencement ceremony.

Matthew Rousu, associate professor of economics, was awarded the John C. Horn Lectureship for outstanding scholarship and conscientious service to the university. The award is named for a former longtime member and chair of Susquehanna's Board of Trustees. As this year's recipient, Rousu will deliver a public lecture during the 2012–13 academic year.

Rousu earned his doctorate degree from lowa State University and joined the Susquehanna University faculty in 2004. As an economist, he uses experimental auctions to study agricultural and environmental economics, and public health topics, including how packaging affects cigarette purchases. He consults as an expert in experimental auction design and other topics for both governmental and nongovernmental agencies, and researches poker playing.

Glen Retief, associate professor of English and creative writing, was honored Award. Retief earned his doctorate degree in English literature and creative writing from Florida State University before joining Susquehanna in 2007. Retief has worked as an instructor of homeless. HIV-positive substance abusers, a needleexchange advocate, an English-as-a-Second-Language teacher, and a teacher of high school students with learning disabilities. His many publishing credits include, most recently, his memoir, The Jack Bank: A Memoir of a South African Childhood. (See related story, p. 14.) Published by St. Martin's Press, the book Literary Award in the category of gay memoir/biography. Retief also takes every other year as part of the university's Global Opportunities (GO) program.



Water Pollution

Assistant Professor of Earth and
Environmental Science Ahmed Lachhab
conducted research in Morocco this sprit

conducted research in Morocco this spring, as a result of a FINCOME award from the Moroccan government. The award brings together scientists from around the world to collaborate on research projects in this northwestern African country. Supervised by the Centre National pour la Recherche Scientifique et Technique (CNRST) under the Moroccan prime minister, the research

His knowledge and background in hydrogeology, geophysics and water resources qualified him to work with other scientists on the Bittit spring, a major source of drinking water. The spring is located in a karstic formation with multiple subvertical fractures, sinkholes and underground streams that the ground water travels through. It is normal for the water to have some pollution from the soil, but during certain times of the year, the water discharges with higher turbidity than usual. It is not clear how this type of pollution occurs, but Lachhab and his colleagues were determined to find out.

Using electromagnetic surveying techniques, Lachhab and local scientists sought to determine the source of the water's turbidity. The team hopes their data will reveal the root cause of the pollution, and in turn, lead to a solution.

#### Roth Named Frankel Institute Fellow

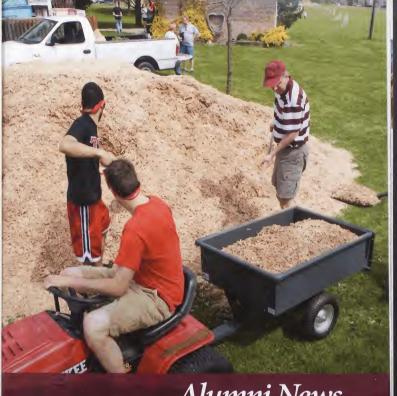
Laurence Roth, professor of English and director of the Jewish Studies Program at Susquehanna University, has been granted a fellowship with the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan for the 2012–13 academic year.

Roth is one of 14 fellows who will pursue research projects around the theme of Borders of Jewishness: Microhistories of Encounter. They will meet regularly with each other to discuss their work, interact with faculty and students, and enrich the intellectual life of the community, Roth's fellowship will include work on his book, Unpacking My Father's Bookstore: Collection, Commerce, Literature, based on the Los Angeles bookstore his father owned for 30 years, which for a time, he says, was the largest lewish bookstore in the country.

Roth is the author of Inspecting Jews: American Jewish Detective Stories and editor of Modern Language Studies, the scholarly journal of the Northeast Modern Language Association. At Susquehanna, he founded the Jewish Studies Program and the publishing and editing minor, and teaches courses in Jewish literature, contemporary American literature, formula stories and popular writing, literary theory and book reviewing,



Contributing writers to The 'Grove section are Karen Jones, assistant divector of media relations; Megan McDemant' 14, a creative writing and religion major from Levistberry, Pa.; Dallon Swett '13, a creative writing major from Effingham, N.H.: and Elise Tomaszewski '14, a creative writing and German major from Seltragrove. Pa.



# Alumni News

**CLASS NOTES REGIONAL CHAPTER NEWS MESSAGE BOARD DEATHS** 

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# CLASS NOTES

#### Message Board BULPING STUDENTS BREAK FHROUGH



In today's economy, connections between students and alumni can be invaluable to achieving success. It's a world where Susquehannans need to help each other more than ever. And this fall, alumni have come together in support of an ambitious, new event aimed at supporting students in their pursuits after graduation.

This innovative program, named by Stephanie Chan '13, is called "Break Through ... to Life After Graduation," and benefits students of all class years and majors. A diverse committee of students, faculty and alumni have worked together to create a weeklong series of events for students that highlight alumni advice and expertise. We've combined virtual connections (email and Skype), small-group lunches, panel discussions, receptions and speed networking to create a series of opportunities for students to connect with alumni from Oct. 28 through Nov. 4. During these sessions, alumni address issues surrounding life after graduation and how to prepare now-from securing employment and graduate school admission to guidance on living in a big city, managing personal finances and ethics in the workplace.

We are pleased that we have so many alumni who are eager and able to help our current etadente reach their mais. There was for convenies in their some impossible and

Becky Bramer '92 Deitrick, Director of Alumni Relations

Homecoming-Reunion Weekend 2013

Family Weekend 2013

#### 1945

Nine coeds from the Class of 1945 formed a lifelong friendship while studying at Susquehanna, Jane Hallas, Jane Hagey Rushmore, Margie Shields Rothenbach, Joyce Jenkins McClure, Betty Stone Becker, Bette Warner Smith and Hermine Lempke Brown have kept in touch for more than 65 years. Most attended their 50th reunion and remembered Hallas and Rushmore, who had passed away. The group's last gettogether was at Ansell's home in 2006. They've kept a round-robin letter flying for many years, though they admit, it flies more slowly than it once did. But all are prepared to keep it going. They send their love and appreciation to the Susquehanna community. #

#### 1959

Bob Fiscus '59 and his son, Scott, connected with Brian Richards '06 at the Yankees Museum, Brian is curator of the museum. Incated in Yankees Stadium. #

Glenn Showalter '59 and Isabell Carroll '60 Franzetti were married Sept. 17, 2011, after having no contact with each other for nearly 50 years. They met at Susquehanna in September 1956 while attending a freshman orientation dance at Phi Mu Delta fratemity. They dated throughout their four years at Susquehanna, but when Glenn graduated, he was drafted into military service. Their relationship eventually succumbed to time and distance, and each married other people. Their spouses passed away in 2007 and 2009, after which they reunited and married six months later. #

#### 1960

Isabell Carroll '60 Franzetti, see 1959 notes

1962 SOTH RELINION

## 1965

Nancy Corson '65 Carter and her husband, Howard, traveled to China in May as part of a six-person team from The Society for Values in Higher Education. The group consulted with teachers from Ningbo University. Beiling Foreign Studies University and the University of International Business and Economics

#### Break Through Planning Committee 2012

#### FACULTY

Peggy Peeler

Protessor of Biology

Leann Mischel

#### STUDENTS

Alissa Stubinski '14

Teague Emery '13

Stephanie Chan '13

#### ALUMNI

loe Shannon '08 Marketine Associate

Ryan Szuch '00

Ecological Program Specialist.

Venus Ricks '01 Director of Multienlitural Atlairs. Lehanon Valley College

Lindsay Nevins '05

Carol Sensenig '72 Burleigh

Brenda Fabian

Lori Lyons

Sarah Bollinger

Brent Papson

Betsy Robertson

Publications and Media Relations

Susan Kreisher Director of Parent Relations

Becky Deitrick

joining the Chiefs, he served as Tampa Bay's offensive

coordinator and offensive line coach for seven seasons,

and was part of a Buccaneers club

1967 45TH RELINION

1968

received special pulpit blessings from two close rabbi

Weaver '68 attended the annual Rotary International Convention in Bangkok. There were 31,000 Rotarians from all over the world in attendance, yet Weaver managed to find another Susquehannan among the group. He met Kay Beard '68 McClenathan while waiting for a bus. They hadn't seen each other in more than 40 years. After the convention, they, along with 24 Rota

Obie Award winner Heidi Schreck has been cast to play April/Jennifer in the staged reading of Catfish Goes the Distance, a new play by John Klemeyer '70. The reading will be directed by George Demas and presented at the historic Milford Theatre.

1971

Robert Reilly '71. at Juniata College academic year.

1972 AOTH RELINION

1973

In a role reversal, Fiona Wilkes '11 gave Tom Sliker '73 cooking instructions at their company's "Iron Chef" team-building competition. Teams had 90 minutes to prepare a first and second course, which were later judged by the chef for taste, presentation and the teamwork demonstrated. Wilkes was chosen captain of the team that finished first. She is a marketing analyst at Alcan International Network USA in Stamford, Conn., where Sliker is the executive vice president.

1975

Kevin Kanouse '75 was re-elected to serve a third sixyear term as bishop of the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Gene Walters '75 has been accepted into the Society for Modern Psychoanalysis (SMP) of New York City, He completed a one-year postdoctoral fellowship in psychoanalysis at the Baltimore-Washington Psychoanalytic Institute in 2000. He retired in 2003 after a 35-year

military career, which included 22 years of active duty in the U.S. Army and U.S. Public Health Service and 13 years in the U.S. Army Reserve. He has earned several advanced degrees and board certifications, and holds a professional license. He is also included in the current edition of The Strathmore's Who's Who. Acceptance into Strathmore is granted to individuals who have exemplified leadership and achievement in their occupation, industry or profession.

1977 35TH REUNION

1979

Samuel Hoff '79, distinguished professor of history and political science at George Washington University and director of law studies at Delaware State University, received the 2012 Faculty Excellence Award for Advising. This is his sixth Faculty Excellence Award overall. He is the

#### 1980

Four friends from the Class of 1980, all Theta Chi brothers, got together in New York City earlier this year. Paul McFeeley, Mike Contreras, Joel Tokarz and Frank Arena enjoyed the city one winter's day after Christmas Contreras owns a direct mail marketing business in New Jersey. Tokarz is a human resource consultant living outside of Atlanta. Arena lives in Westfield, N.J., and works for Juniper Networks. \$\square\$

James Moyer '80 was appointed d percussion studies at Texas A & M in Laredo. He will play an integral to receive accreditation by the National Association of

#### 1981

Holly Hedborg '81 Miller was presented the District Award of Merit by the Boy Scouts of America's Housatonic Council, Valley District, for her service to youth.

1982 30TH REUNION

1983

1987 25TH REUNION







Margeaux Katz '09 and Richard Sgrignoli were married July 24, 2011, at Temple Ohev Sholom in Harrisburg, Pa. The reception was



Allison Karpy '05 married Matt Hubbard '05, Aug. 20, 2011, in Baltimore.



Lyn Benson '91 married Daniel Rutkoski on Sept. 9, 2011, at the Crystal Point Yacht Club in Point Pleasant, N.J.

#### 1989

Born to Marnie Goldman-Spector and Karl Spector '89, a daughter, Morgan Brynn, Oct. 31, 2011.

#### 1991

Born to Frank and Tina Wilson '91 Santi, twins, Catherine Elizabeth and Charlie Steve, Aug. 4, 2011.

### 1992 20TH REUNION

Lesher Middle School teachers nominated Tom Dodd '92 for the 2011—12 Coinrado Association of Secondary School Principals (CASSP) and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Middle Level Principal of the Year Award. He was one of three finalists statewide to interview for the award. The program recognizes principals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership. #

Stacy Koppenhaver, Heather Maher Bodeker and Kelly O'Mara Whites, friends from the Class of 1992, met for dinner and loured campus with Kelly's daughter. Koppenhaver recently accepted a new position at Members 1st Federal Credit Union In south-central Pennsylvania.

Tammy Fralley '92 Shearer was named one of 25 "Women of Influence" by the Central Penn Business Journal. She is the vice president and co-owner of Shearer Enterprises, d/b/a The Camera Box, in Camp Hill, Pa.

#### 1993

Karl Bfeld '93 and Courtney Jean Lippincott '08 particlpated in the Leadership Training Conference hosted by the New Jessey Association of Student Councils at the College of New Jessey, New entering its 57th year, the four-day conference brings cognether more than 300 students from throughout New Jessey, Student leaders discover, develop and demostrate their leadership potential in a supportive and unique environment that will prepare them for challenges in their School versa and demost.

#### 1996

Born to Jennifer Lukach '96 and Michael '96 Bradley, a daughter, Palge Marle, Feb. 28. Jennifer is a partner at McAndrews Law Offices in Wyomissing, Pa. Michael was recently promoted to program director of St. Joseph Family Practice Residency Disposh Medical Center in Reading. Pa. Boseph Medical Center in Reading. Pa.

Born to Lisa and Derek '96 Smith, a daughter, Karlie Estelle, Jan. 19.

Born to David Wagner '96, a son, Caden David.

#### 1997 ISTH RELINION

Gregory Ewantiz '97 married Angela Stout, April 30, 2011, in Winter Park, Fla. #

Born to JB and Stephanie Dowling '97 Brown, a son, Titus Augustus, Aug. 26, 2011.

## 1998

Wendy Wesoloskie '98 married Michael McHale, Aug. 26, 2011, at The Radnor Hotel in Wayne, Pa.

Born to Joe '97 and Llsa MacKenzle '98 Dolinich, a daughter, McKinley Hanna, April 9, 2011. McKinley's godparents are Greg '98 and Kirsten Moyer '97 Ritter. #

Born to Michael and Julie Daws '98 Shannon, a son, Charlie Michael, Jan. 4, 2011.

#### 1999

In 1926, Abn Fitzgend, mayor of Boston, presented agrand pain to the new Joil Lifton High School in memory of Michael and Mary Ann Hannon, the parents of the bis wife, Rose-Ritgerdin was the material ganded their of President John F. Kennedy and Sens. Robert and Erlward Remedy Ford Stars, the plann was used in various Actors schools, but its origins were almost forgotten. It was rescued through a community preservation grant and restored in 2009. It now sits in the Actor Public Library for was rescued through Actors link to the Kennedy from "June Wits" in the Actor Public Library for was rescued through Actors link to the Kennedy from "June Wits" in the Actor Public Library for was rescued through Actors link to the Kennedy family was selected to dedicate the plano, pulming a Twe-Pour concert on Dec 18, 2009.

Lynn McLachlan '99 received a Master of Business Administration in International management from Northeastem University in May 2011.

#### 2000

Laura Craig '00 married Mike Cloud '01, Oct. 22, 2011, at Stoudt's Brewery in Adamstown, Pa.

Janel White '00 married Patrick Kinlaw, Aug. 6, 2011, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Rockville, Md.

Born to Josh '00 and Elizabeth Dollhopf-Brown '00, a son, Elijah James, Nov. 23, 2011.

#### 2001

Megan Wood '01 Arbour has been appointed coordinator of the graduate nurse midwifery program at the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing.

Jen Rock '01 is a lighting designer for Live Theatre. #

Mike Cloud '01, see 2000 notes.

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SU SERVE April 1-30, 2013

HOMECOMING-REUNION WEEKEND Oct. 18-20, 2013

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held a networking event at the Simcone Foundation Automative Museum in last March, Twenty-five students and more than 45 alumni from a broad range of das your enjoyed meeting, mingling and reconnecting prior to a speed-networking session reported that they enjoyed receiving 'life advices' represent that they enjoyed receiving 'life advices' and and typ for job scarring. Likewise, alumni were happy to share their knowledge and experiences with the students.

The Philadelphia chapter distinguished itself during the SU SERVE (Susuethanna Engaging in Regional Volunteer Experiences) challenge by contributing a total of 1.186 community service hours, which exceeded the chapter's goal of 1.075 hours. Born to Karen Motz '01 and Matt Battimelii, a son. Salvatore Battimelli, Dor. 9, 2011.

Born to Amy and Aaron Kramer 'OT, a daughter, Elly Elizabeth, July 27, 2011. The proud grandmother ly tale Kammer '01, af

#### 2002 10TH REUNION

Kelly Grattan '02 received her doctorate degree in administration and leadership in the nonprofit and public sectors from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She is the director of development for Gesu School In Philadelphia and an independent nonprofit consultant. She also holds an MBA from Bloomsburg University.

Cathleen Ellis '02 married Steven Voss, Sept. 10, 2011. at the Lighthouse Inn on Cape Cod.

Born to Brian '02 and Lynda Dickens '00 Frueh. a daughter, Addison Leigh, Dec. 19, 2011. Born to Christina and Adam Kavalsky '02, a son,

Harrison Joseph. Born to Aaron '00 and Melanle Noto '02 Brock, a daughter,

Clara, Dec. 19, 2011. (More on SU Bridge) Born to Jeff and Megan Levine '02 Lukes, a daughter, Charlotte Rae, Dec. 10, 2011.

Born to Emily Dayls '01 and Luke '01 Newcomer. a daughter, Kathryn Emma, July 1, 2011,

Borry to Jill Surrette '02 and Karl Searl, a daugiver

#### 2003

Matthew J. McClain '03 received his Doctor of Medicine Iron residency in anesthesiology at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center In June. He is married to Ashley J. McClatty. who is an elementary school counselor.

Carly Kellett '03 Mondschean was recognized as a "Woman of Influence" by the Central Penn Business Journal. She is the director of Soccer Shots in Middletown, Pa., and council director and founder of the Capital Area Girls on the Run in Harrisburg, Pa.

Caltlyn Robotti '04 Bellezza received a master's degree In education from Boston College's Lynch School of Education in May

Carla Pidcoe '04 works as a drug and alcohol treatment specialist for the State Correctional Institution at Muney, Pa.

Born to Jonathan '04 and Jennifer Roth '05 Illuzzi. a daughter, Harper Olivia, March 8.

# 2005

Shannon Ehret '05 is the employee relations and retention specialist for Penn Home Care & Hospice Service, which is an entity of Penn Medicine in Philadelphia.

Leah Rice '05 Ludwig was promoted from senior a strategic marketing and public relations agency based in Bucks County, Pa. #

Lara Cressman '05 married Matthew Geragi, June 24, 2011. #

Keylo Barkow '05 married Brittany Mordson, May 29, 2011, at Saint Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen, N.J.

Bom to Rachael and Travis Powell '05, a daughter, Kherington Alice.

### 2006

Brian Pietroski '06 received a master's degree in business administration from Husson University.

Brian Richards '06, see 1959 notes.

Jason Northridge '06 married Amy Troxell '08, Dec. 30, 2011, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Harrisburg, Pa. Jason has been called to serve at St. John Lutheran Church in Mount Wolf, Pa. He was ordained April 27. He and Amy both graduated from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg,

Born to Bill '06 and Christina Grove '06 Furman, a son. Nathan William, Oct. 27, 2011.

Born to Kera Laicha '07 and RI Martucci '06, a daughter, Sofia Cora, Oct. 7, 2011.

Born to Gillian Prince '06 and Joseph Szymanski, a son, Ethan Marek, Feb. 2.

nto office during the annual alumni association meeting Sept. 30

Keith I Costello '73 of Hovre de Grace Md

- FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT Luke Eddinger '00, of Shelton, Conn.

- SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT Megan McMullen '02, of Alexandrio, Va. Matt Gilbert '98, of Essex Junction, Vt.

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f Lake Huntington, NY.

Chester, Pa.

member-at-large:

# thank you and congratulations!

To all the alumni, parents, students, faculty, staff and friends who met the SU SERVE challenge and believed Susquehanna exceed its goal of 10,000 service hours for the month of April. In all, the Susquehanna community volunteered more than 17,000 hours of service that month.

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#### CLASS NOTES





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Chris Koluk, '07 and Kelly Ely '08 were married Aug. 6, 2011, at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jersey Shore, Pa.





Loria Miragliotta '02 married Mark Hong, May 4.

See class notes, Class of 1968.



Jamie Mitchell '82 married James Reme, Sept. 3, 2011, in a gazebo at the beach in Spring Lake, N.J.

# 2007 STH REUNION

Medicine, where he earned a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. After graduating from Susquehanna with a Bachelor of Science in biology, Julian earned a Doctor of Medicine from Tulane University School of Medicine.

Jamie Boone '07 married Brad Blondi '07 on Oct. 22, 2011, in Washington, D.C.

Born to Alex '07 and Rachel Weir '09 Ulsh, a daughter, Nova Rose, June 13

#### 2008

Dan Fessler '08 earned his nursing home administrator (Icense. He is the administrator of the ManorCare Health Service facility in Carlisle, Pa. He lives in Lancaster, Pa.

Christine Puller '08 was awarded the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in June. Pulice is continuing her medical training in pediatrics at the University of Connecticut—Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford.

Amy Troxell '08, see 2006.

Born to Jeremy and Jessica Farawell '08 Miller, a son, Coen Justin, Jan. 29.

## 2009

Kelly Gardiner '09 was promoted to manager of business development at Deutsch Inc.

Gretchen Halsey '09 was promoted in the audit and accounting services practice at ParenteBeard in New Jersey.

Jamie Malachowski '09 Joined Sothertons Chartered Accountants in Melbourne, Australia, for six weeks as part of an International work exchange program.

Kevin Needham '09 was promoted to senior accountant at Stoy, Malone & Co. He provides auditing and assurance services, as well as tax preparation, for a wide range of individual and corporate clients.

Michael Ubbens '09 was promoted to program coordinator at Lehigh Support, a program of Lehigh University that helps adults with developmental disabilities reside and participate in their communities.

Megan Will '09 received a Juris Doctor from Duquesne University School of Law. She was honored with awards of distinction in clinical and pro bono work.

#### 2010

Hofly Moncavage '10 raised awareness about abuse of milgrant workers through a Peggy Browning Fellowship at The Workplace Project In New York City. She Is attending Peng State Law School.

Emlly Naugle '10 is teaching first grade at Springboard International Bilingual School in Beljing.

Kristen Hardner '10 married Ryan Zaharuk '10, Aug. 27, 2011, at the Manor House at Commonwealth in Horsham, Pa. #

#### 2011

Steve Urena '11 is a journalist writing for the Daily Record, WRNJ Radio, The Black River News

#### 2012

Tierney Ayers '12 married Joey Johnson, May 26, in Tunkhannock, Pa, ₩

Alan Heintzelman '12, see 2015 notes. Ryan Eller '12, see 2015 notes.

# 2014

Bronte Schmidt '14, see 2015 notes.

John Moller '14, see 2015 notes.

### 2015

Jahn Rehm '15 was named the national chief of the elite Boy Sout bnor society, the Order of the Arrow. He was named chief at a national convention in Dallas that included a nigorous selection process involving four levels of competition judged by 52 other section chiefs. The distinction provided him with the opportunity to meet President Barack Obama in Enburary.

The Suquehanna University Paranormal Group SUP) was recently invited to the historical Gettysburg College campus, where they were given a private tour and access to several paranormal investigation sites. Group members in attendance were Brianna Boyfan TS, Sarah Robinson TS, Eric Pedowitz TS, Mink Evansko, and advisor Michael Eyer, advisor Cindy Scholl, Bronte Schmidt T-14, Peyton Wilson TS, Jim Davison, John Moller T-14 and Revan Eller TJ.

■ WEB EXTRA: See more alumni photos and
the milestone events in
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Material received on campus by Dec. 31 will be included in the spring issue.

Susquehanna Currents reserves the right to edit class notes for space and clarity, and to select the alumni-submitted photos that appear in each issue. Preference will be given to print-quality photos of weddings and other gatherings that include the most alumni. Photos not printed in the magazine can be found on SU Bridge, www.susquem.com. The orange arrow, found at the end of a class note, indicates that there is "Web Extra" material for that entry. Thank you for staying in touch.

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In April, the chapter was proud to participate in SU SERVE, and amassed a total of 895 hours, well beyond its original goal of 175 hours.



After graduating from Susquehanna University in 1971 with a degree in chemistry, Margaret "Meg" Fisher, M.D., headed for UCLAs medical school thinking she would focus on neuroscience. Then she discovered pediatrics.

"The children won me over," says Fisher, who is both the medical director of the Children's Hospital at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch, N.J., and chair of pediatrics at the medical center. "I liked dealing with children much better than dealing with the brain and I haven't looked back since. They put a smile on your face even when they are sick."

After earning her medical degree in 1975, the native of Havertown, Pa., completed her residency and a fellowship in infectious diseases at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia. A national expert on childhood infectious diseases and vaccines, Fisher's various roles at St. Christopher's over the course of 25 years included being the hospital epidemiologist and attending physician in pediaric infectious diseases, director of the residency program and associate chair for medical education.

Fisher arrived at Monmouth Medical Center in 2000 as its pediatrics chair and became medical director of the children's hospital when it opened in 2006. Named a "Top Doc" by The (New Jersey) Star-Ledger and Children's Health, the president-elect of Monmouth's medical staff is also an award-winning teacher on the faculty of Drexel University College of Medicine, the medical center's Philadelphia-based teaching affiliate.

Given the fact that her paternal grandmother, Lisle S. Forster 1901; her father, the Rev. Robert Forster Fisher '40, and mother, Miriam Miller '39 Fisher-Coryell, all graduated from Susquehanna, Fisher says her attendance was a given.

"I loved Susquehanna and had a wonderful time there," she recalls. "And scholastically it was stimulating and challenging. The chemistry department was terrific."

#### SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY HONORED SIX ALUMNI OF DISTINCTION

at an awards banquet held on Sunday, Sept. 30, during Homecoming-Reunion Weekend. University President L. Jay Lemons was joined by Director of Alumni Relations Becky Bramer '92 Deltrick in representing the school for the dinner and ceremony, while Alumni Association President Keith J. Costello '73 presented awards to this year's honorees. To read more about the award winners, visit www.susqu.edu/alumniawards.

# 2012 **ALUMNI AWARD** WINNERS



Service SUE DAVIS '66 When Sue Davis '66 retired 11 years ago from her post as chief of staff at the Social Security Administration (SSA), the last thing she thought she'd be doing is working with young people.

But then, after moving to Middletown, Del., and getting involved with a women's club that gave money to something called HOBY, she was told the organization needed help.

"What the heck is HOBY and what kind of help do you need?" she asked. HOBY, it turned out, stands for Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership, an organization established by O'Brian in 1958 to promote leadership among high school sophomores. In the '50s and '60s, he was the star of the hit Western TV show The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp.

The organization needed judges for its annual Delaware seminar, which brings together one or two promising sophomores from each of the state's high schools for a three-day weekend. From that seminar, two Delaware students are selected to attend HOBY's annual world leadership conference.

"I hadn't had any interactions with kids," recalls Davis, who majored in business administration at Susquehanna and spent her entire career with the SSA. "I didn't think I was interested in being with high school sophomores." Nonetheless, since agreeing to be a judge in 2006, Davis has run the threeday seminar for 60 Delaware sophomores for the past five years and since 2010 has served as president of HOBY's Delaware chapter.

Based at Wesley College in the capital city of Dover, the weekend includes speakers, community service activities, and a lot of leadership activities and games. O'Brian, who is 87, also speaks, either in person or via Skype. In 1961, where is maken about 125 was latter seen that he are that Europ ded to be unified. Natural Adjournment of the Section of presentant employees, required to provide Committees in the Adjournment of a surroung several day sourcey and formed and though the Mindle Kindment of the Section of the Sectio

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ALUMNI AWARD:
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Once a highly successful businessman in the technology expense-management in dustry, Greg Carr '83 now devotes his talent toward helping children with autism. For Carr and his wife, Aileen, the transformation began a decade ago when they learned that their son, Mitchell, had autism.

Thanks to early intensive therapy using an applied behavior analysis (ABA) approach, Mitchell — now 12—improved so much that four years ago his doctor lifted his autism diagnosis because he no longer met the criteria.

"We were so blessed and pleased with the intervention we were able to provide for our son that we wanted to provide the same thing for other ktds," says Carr. of Basking Ridge, N.J. "For many families it's not affordable because, in order to see some success, you need a minimum of 20 hours per week of ARA services."

The Carrs' solution: The Uncommon Thread, which they launched in 2006 in Stirling, N.J. The nonprofit provides support and individualized treatment options to families whose children have developmental disorders. Through a variety of services at the center, in homes and schools, it annually reaches 15 to 25 children. Carr's sister. Suzanne Carr' 84 and his niece. Caitlin Hinton '10, work there too.

To reach more children, Carr launched Scholastic Intervention Solutions (SIS) two and-a-half years ago. The company uses modern technology to offer school districts curriculum, administrative and support services so they can deliver more efficient, quantifiable and individualized special education to students. Pilot programs are underway in the Selinsgrowe Area School District and in several New Jeeps efficient.



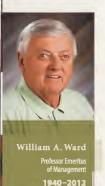
Service to Susquehanna ROBERT '69 AND CAROL SCHERB '70 RAY Although retired, Robert '69 and Carol Scherb '70 Ray certainly weren't the retiring sort when Susquehanna asked them to pilot the Alumni Connect mentor program. Designed to create more intentional and robust connections between current students and alumni, Alumni Connect—since renamed the SU Bridge Career Network—now has a database of \$67 alumni who are willing to mentor Susquehanna sudents in 2010 and 2011, the Rays called and recruited more than 100 of them.

That number surprises even the Rays. "We never counted them up," says Bob. "We just kept going and following up on the list."

It was an easy sell, adds Carol. "The whole point was to get alumni to reach out and do something for the university that wasn't a financial commitment. It was advice, it was time, it was a way of giving back and sharing with current students or alumni just your life or work experience. And the folks we connected with users were interested and the students responded will to them?"

Besides their work to connect Susquehama students and alumni, the Rays have served on Susquehama reunion committees, the North NJ. Regional Campaign Committee, the North NJ. Leadership Committee, the Alumni-Parent Admissions Network and as Career Day participants. Carol also served on the Alumni Association Executive Board from 2000 to 2003 and on the university's Board of Trustees from 2000 to 2003 to 2009. She was a member of the board's Learning Committee and Diversity Task Force. The Rays also established a scholarship that so far has supported two Susquehanna students, one from Afghanistan and another from the Czech Republic.

# DEATHS



#### IN MEMORIAM

William A. Ward, professor emerica of management and Alan R. Warehime processor in Journess Business faculty since his appointment in 1986. He retired from teaching in August 2008.

He then served in the U.S. Navy from 1958 to 1976. He received a graduate certificate from

At Susquehanna, Ward taught management, organizational behavior, and business policy and stratpreneurship and small business issues. In 1988, dowed Professorship in Business Administration

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The Rev. Ernest Huston '34,

Dr. Warren Herrold '41, York U.S. Army and Navy. In 1946,

Paper Products plants in Mount Medical Center in Mount Wolf with his older brother, Dr. Lewis Jane Herrold '73 McNamara. and nephews Lewis Darr '65. Eric Ulsh '84, Merle Ulsh '55 and Scott Ulsh '88.

Delphine Hoover '42 Reitz. began her career as a business served: Zion Lutheran in Leanephew Philip Reitz '79.

Mary Jane Kresge '43 Jones,

Martin Musselman '43, Fair-

Mary Jane Rudy '44 Clark,

Betty Herr '46 McKelvey, Chapel

the business department at Beaver Vocational High School in Beavertown, Pa. She taught at Weatherly (Pa.) Area High School from 1959 to 1986, and was an adviser for the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), In 1979, she was named outstanding adviser by the Pennsylvania State FBLA Chapter.

Frosta Arseniu '48 Chenoweth. McClure, Pa., May 3, 2011.

John Wiley '48. Berlin, N.J., June 28. Wiley served as a lieutenant junior commander on a Navy 440 LSM landing ship in World War II, after which he ran a very successful insurance

Donald Rohrbach '49, Des Plaines, Ill., Nov. 21, 2011.

Roy Stahl '49, Minneapolis, Peb. after 39 years as a piano teacher

Terri Feliciano '58 Haas Hunt. 2011. Gail Woolbert '58 White married an airman and lived in Alaska. When her husband was killed in a plane crash, Hunt and her young son moved back to Hawaii, where she remarried and had another son. Personal memories of Hunt may be sent to Vance Hunt and Richard Haas, 41-694 Inoaole St., Waimanalo, Hawaii, 96795.

Lavan Robinson '58, Valdosta, Ga., June 4. Robinson, a professor emeritus of music at Valdosta State University, entered military service in January 1942, and after extensive training, became a foot soldier in the Black Hawk Infantry Division, committed to combat in Europe and assigned to Patton's 3rd Army and later the 7th Army. When the war ended in Europe. he was stationed at Dachau Concentration Camp, where his unit supplied medicine, food and military security to the camp and later the war crimes trials held there. He returned stateside in the spring of 1946 and began his career as a music minister at First Baptist Church in Ruston, La. He resumed his educational pursuits in 1948 at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, joining the Beta Omega chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and completing two master's degrees in vocal performance. His first teaching appointment was at Hinds College in Raymond, Miss. In 1952, he accepted a position at Susquehanna University, which included duties as director of the chapel choir. In March of 1958, Lavan married lanet Rohrbach '46, then secretary to the university president. In 1960, the Robinsons relocated to Valdosta State College, where Lavan became an associate professor. He is survived by his wife, Janet Robrbach '46 Robinson.

Stanford Sholley '62, Loganton, Pa., Feb. 6. In 1967, he began a general dentistry practice in Mifflinburg, Pa., where he remained for 44 years.

James Herrold '63, Boyertown, Pa., Jan. 29. He taught math at Penn Manor High School and Spring-Ford High School. He also worked for the Pinebrook Bible Conference and for the Hatfield Meat Co. He was active in Gideons and served as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society.

David Raffetto '65, Irvington, Va., Feb. 4. Raffetto joined the U.S. Navy in 1966 and became a naval aviator. He trained in Pensacola. Fla., a base for which he later served as squadron executive officer and commanding officer. An expert in antisubmarine warfare and a born teacher. he flew H3-H Sea King helicopters and acted as training officer for helicopter pilots, From 1971 to 1974, Raffetto was an exchange officer with the Royal ing officer of Lakehurst (N.J.) Naval Air Station from 1990 to 1993. He retired at the rank of captain in 1995. For the next six vears, he was a consultant to the U.S. Navy.

He and his wife, Kate, moved to Irvington, Va., in July 2001. A lifelong sailor, Raffetto Joined the Rappahannock River Yacht Club and served as commodore in 2006 and 2007. In addition, Raffetto raced in Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) races, both as captain of his 34-foot Saber, Success, and as a crew member on other boats. He also was a crew member in the Caribbean 1500, a race from Hampton, Va., to the Island of Tortola in the British Virgin Islands. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn Ramsey' 66 Raffetto.

Janet McAfee '67 Brown, Camp Hill, Pa., May 16. She retired from Highmark Blue Shield after 20 years of service. She was an avid gardener, reader and birdwatcher, as well as an award-

Diane Diffenderfer '69
Williams, Bensalem, Pa.,
Dec. 9, 2011. Williams
succumbed to complications
of lupus, from which she
suffered all of her adult life.
In an effort to give back to the
community, she established a
foundation that served lupus
patients. She was a gifted
singer and sang with the Fred
Waring Singers for several
years. She was also a soughtafter voice in several church
choirs throughout the years.

Carol Barnabic '76 Smith, Medford, N.J., Aug. 18, 2010. After graduating from Susquehanna, Smith went directly into the insurance industry and became a highly successful independent owner of several insurance agencies in southern New Jersey. An avid traveler, Smith and her family journeyed across the continental United States and throughout Europe. She volunteered with the Medford Lakes Planning Board, the

Junior Women's Auxiliary and the American Cancer Society. She is survived by her husband, Bob, and beloved son, Martin Pohert Smith

Barbara Beans '79 Herrman, Richboro, Pa., June 9. Her legal career culminated at Colonial Penn Insurance Co. as vice president and general counsel. Those close to Barbara were inspired by her courage as she faced a 20-year battle with multiple sclerosis.

Sally Cherrington '81 Beggs, Newberry, S.C., March 17. She was the chair of the music department and college organist at Newberry College, the Lutheran College for the Southeast.

Odd Oddsen Jr. '82, Easton Pa., June 19. He was the president of Innovative Office Products, which he co-founded in 1986. He is survived by his sister, Kris Oddsen '78 Lamb, and nephew Geoffrey Lamb '12.

Randall Welfley '84, Alpharetta, Ga., Jan. 10. He earned a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University and retired from Hewlett-Packard.

Todd Donovan '93, San Francisco, Feb. 13. Donovan moved to the Bay Area in 1993 to pursue a master's degree in voice at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. A lyric baritone with a bright and round voice, he had a rich and varied career on the concert and opera stages. He performed principal roles such as Mozark Bor, Giovanni. Guglielmo in Cosl fan Tutte, Count Almaviva in Le Nozze di Figaro, Danilo in The Merry Widow, Billy Bigelow in Rodgers and Hammerstein's Carousel, and Janusz in a rare performance of Monliuszko's Halka. Donovan appeared with the San Francisco Symphony, Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra, San Francisco Opera Center, Cincinnati Opera, Bugene Opera, Newada Opera, Pocket Opera and Lamplighters Music Theatre. A high point in his career was performing for Pope John Paul II at St. Peter's Basillica for Ash Wednesday services.

Donovan had a distinguished career offstage as well, working in arts administration for the San Francisco Symphony and Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra, and most recently as executive director of the Grammy-nominated Cypress String Quartet. Donovan produced and performed in benefit recitals to sponsor AIDS rides in California, Hawaii and Alaska. He was a dedicated cyclist, riding in two AIDS rides—one from San Francisco to Los Angeles and one from Montreal to Portland, Maine. He also participated in a two-week ride for cystic fibrosis through England, Wales and Scotland, and ran two half-marathons.

Cheryl Wilson '93 Grace, Mountain Lakes, N.J., Jan. 24. She was director of marketing for ADP Corp. in Parsippany, N.J., for 12 years before deciding in 2005 to remain home

#### IN MEMORIAM

wheet M. Goodspeed, professor emerican a geology, bind March 16 in Florida. His daughters, Wendy and ebecca, were by his side at his home in The Villages.

Born in 1938 in Somerville, Mass, Goodspeed earnebothelor's degree in geology from Tufts University museur's degree in mineralogy and petrology from the University of Maine, and a doctorate degree in more stay and petrology from Rutgers, The Stat University of New Jersey.

Good peed joined the Susquehanna University of the sassitant professor of geology in 1966. He was primored to associate professor in 1972, and wed a various times as head of the epartment of Geological Sciences, later renamed the Department of Earth and Revisionmental Sciences.

During his career, Goodspeed traveled far and wide to muse his passion for goology. As a senior at Turks, Goodspeed served a speological field assistant on the lifetimed Science Foundation Antactic Expedition. In a participated in geological studies of Euchardson Fjord in Greenland, the Canadian Boddist and the Appalachian Mountains. While the Comparison of the Comparis

Goodspeed's research included study of soil, water and rock in selected areas of the Middle Creek watershed of Snyder County. In 1990, he went on subbatical to conduct research on indoor air pollution, with emphasis on radon concentrations in air and water. He retired from Susquehanna University in 1999, after 33 years of service.

Frank Fletcher, Charles B. Degenstein professor emeritus of environmental science, says, "Bob joined me in the geology department in 1966, and until his retirement was a declicated and loyal partner. He continuated a love of teaching, a substantial and lots of hard word. If a students and lots of hard word, if a students and lots of hard word. If a student is not because the much of the credit belongs to Bob. One of my fondest memories is Bob directing students how to set up camping equipment on our many field trips. If heaven has a campground, he'll feel right at how to

Goodspeed was "a memorable teacher," says Ben Johns '98. "I fondly remember learning many things from him, about science and life. I am lucky to have crossed paths with him."

It's a sentiment shared by many of Goodspeed's former students, colleagues, family and friends. He is survived by daughters and sons-in-law Joseph '89 and Wendy Goodspeed '88 Witt, and Peter '93 and Rehecca Goodspeed' 29 Wending



Robert M. Goodspeed Professor Emeritus of Geology 1938–2012

#### IN MEMORIAM

Mount H. Lowright, a so te pr fessor of geology at Susquehanna University and resident of Shamokin Dem, Pa, died Much 13 f Lowing a long battle with employ ema and chronic ob accept pulmonary disease (COPD).

Born Aug. 31, 1940, in Bethlehem, Pa., Lowright was a cum laude graduate of the Milton Hershey School in Hershey, Pa. He graduated from Hershey Innior College in 1960 and earned his bachelor's degree in biology from Franklin & Marshall College in 1962. He did graduate work at Dartmouth College and the University of Pittsburgh before earning his doctorate degree in geology at Pennsylvania State University in 1971. He was a teaching assistant at both Dartmouth and Pitt, and was a seience teacher at Porace Greeley High School in Chappaqua, N.Y., for two years.

Lowright joined the Susquehanna University faculty in 1971 as an assistant professor of geology. He was promoted to associate professor in 1978 and served as department head in the early 1980s and in the widdlesses. He taught geology and environmental science.

at Susquehanna until his medical leave in 1998. His area of research included sedimentation of the bed leave in streams, which he often connected with students in local waterways.

"I would not be the person I am today had I not been influenced by Dr. Lowright," says Ferry Price '88. "He was a professor of geology and life lessons. He made sure that when I graduated from SU that I was not only fully qualified, but that I was the best 'fully qual ified... He will live on in all of us who had the fortune to be one of his many students."

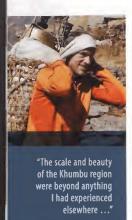
Frank Fletcher, Charles B. Degenstein professor emeritus of environmental science, says, "We were more than colleagues; we were close friends..., He always had a smile, and when he wasn't smiling, he was alagehing. Nobody I know spent more time preparing for classes than he did. Going so far as to even write in all of his jokes... His only fault was his insistence on hitting golf shots out of the woods, when everybody asee would tone the ball once the fairway...) hope that St. Peter a prepared to we congrete a real gent.



Lowright
Associate Professor of Geology
1940–2012

# **End Notes**

#### The Canary in the Himalayas BY DAVID S. RICHARD



In December 2011, Professor David Richard and Maria Finch, associate director of crosscultural programs, traveled to Nepal to explore opportunities for cross-cultural study as part of Susquehanna's Global Opportunities (GO) Program. Following is an article Richard wrote about the changing landscape in the Himalayas. A version of the article originally appeared as a guest blog on Scientific American's website.

Kanchha, our Sherpa guide, took off at an unexpectedly fast pace along what seemed little more than a dry and dusty yak track. We chased after him as best we could, affected as we were by the combination of altitude and the large lunch we just ate at the teahouse at Thokla.

Our destination was Chola Tsho, a large glacial lake contained in a valley formed by two comparatively minor peaks-Awi at 17,208 feet and Arakam Tse at 21,073 feet-and held in place by the Chola glacier, I had read several articles about the effects of climate change on glacial lakes in this region, and was keen to visit one myself to try to understand the problem.

was in the Khumbu region of Nepal, trekking in the Himal was toward the bas camp program that would bring Susquananna saldents and all mand to this magnificent place.

changes that might dramatically affect at human college.

Average temperatures in New rose 1.8°F between 97 and 1994, with the most extreme increases noted during the dry winter months. This was twice that of similar

ture reached the mid-630. Although extremely comfortable and photogen this dd between May and September, is becoming less reliable. It seemed we were witnessing the



which made it very difficult for us to walk up the slope, as there was no snow to dig our crampons into," he said. "This has made the trail very dangerous for all climbers."

Apa reports that some expeditions no longer have to melt snow for drinking and cooking at Camp 2, located at 21,300 feet, and that, in 2009, he saw running water for the first time around Camp 4 on the southern mountain pass at 26,000 feet. He says weather patterns have changed dramatically in the foothills, too, and that potato yields and yak numbers have declined.

Other crops now grow at higher altitudes and have longer growing seasons than in the past. On our trek from Lukla (9,400 feet) to Namche Bazaar (11,280 feet) a few days earlier, we passed gardens with healthy crops of cabbage, garlic and book choy growing far later in the season than they once did, according to our guides. Mosquitoses were found in Namche for the first time in 2008, and there are even reports of houseflies at Everest Base Camp, 17,300 feet up the mountain. Similarly, we were surprised to see a butterfly hitchlike on the sleeve of a sherpa at 15,000 feet during one of our hikes.

Like other glacial lakes in the region, Chola Tsho has been growing as a result of increased snowmelt from the surrounding peaks and from the retreating glacier itself. If trends continue, it seems likely that the moraine dam holding the Lake in place will fail, releasing a massive inland tsunami of water and rock that will wash down the vallet vloward the small trown of Pheriche.

In the next valley to the southeast, an even more dangerous lake, Injia Tsho, sits at the base of Injia Tse, or Island Peki. This lake, now up to 1.5 miles long, more than a quarter mile wide and 300 feet deep, is the fastest-growing major glacial lake in Nepal. It is the subject of intense international scrutiny by scientists seeking to understand the nature of the risk.

If—or is it when?—the lake bursts through its moraine dam, a wall of rock, mud and water will sweep do wn the valley, destroying homes and land for a generation. The town of Dingboche, where we stayed for two nights to acclimate to the high altitude, is in the path of this predicted glacial lake outburst flood and would undoubtedly be completely destroyed.

Chola and Imja are just two lakes that threaten this region. Seven miles to the west of Chola Tsho lie the Gokyo Valley and the Ngozumpa glacier, which flows from Cho Oyo, the world's sixthtallest mountain, located at 26,906 feet. The moraine field at the



southern end of the glacier has created Spillway Lake, which has the potential to reach four miles long, six-tenths of a mile wide and 350 feet deep. This lake, feb ya series of smaller lakes sitting on the surface of ice interconnected by caverns and subglacial streams, has been observed to drain and refill within a matter of days as ice melts upstream.

Significant though these local changes are, they pale in comparison to the potential loss of the Himalayan glacial system as a whole. While recent observations suggest that changes in regional snowfall patterns may have caused glaciers to actually increase in size in the Karakoram, an area several hundred miles to the west, the scientific consensus is that glaciers in the Khumbu are retreating faster than anywhere else on earth. Some predict they may all disappear within this century. It is estimated that 1.3 billion people live in regions affected by the Himalayan and Tibetan system, either in flood-prone areas or through their reliance on glacier-derived fresh water. Huge areas of Asia could become uninhabitable if these rivers of ice are lost.

Under the clear, warm skies of December, watching rivers roar downstream carrying meltwater from Everest south to the plains of Nepal and beyond, I was struck by conflicting feelings of privilege, awe, guilt and humility. As we climbed up a steep slope to rejoin the trail, struggling once again to keep up the pace, I thought about how long this unique environment could remain intact. How was it that the Sherpa we met were so friendly and welcoming, and seemed not to harbor any grudge against the outside world that caused these problems? Could local solutions to relieve glacial lake pressures be developed in time to avoid catastrophe? Were global solutions to combat climate change even possible in this hyere-robitical world?

Back in the United States, with time to reflect on these experiences, I think the best thing I can do is tell people what I learned: that the canary isn't doing so well these days.

David S. Richard is professor of biology and associate dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Susquehanna University.



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# First Word

#### Opening Up New Worlds

DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS



"This program is destined to ensure that our students will be citizen-leaders wherever their lives take them ..."

- Liv Lenor

write this as spring break draws to a close. We will soon begin the home stretch o Commencement

This year's graduation ceremony will be a significant one for Susquehanna because it is the first to celebrate graduates, all of whom have been through a study-away experience. The Class of 2013 is a pioneering group, the first to have entered the university under our new curriculum, which guarantees off-campus study for all students through our Global Opnortunities (GO) program

In our global economy, cross-cultural experiences have never been more important. Vet, according to the most recent "Open Doors" report from the Institute of International Education, growth in study abroad is approaching a standstill. Although our 100-plus travel possibilities include domestic options, an overwhelming majority of our students choose to us abroad. Susuebanna undergraduates have traveled to six continents.

In 2009, when we became one of only a handful of universities in the country to guarantee study away for all students, we had to think about what it means to provide universal access to these experiences. It became our responsibility to ensure that every student can and does experience the off-campus study curriculum. And we have taken that responsibility seriously. The students who will cross the stage on May 12 are evidence of that lived GO experience.

These students were here for the launch of GO and have lived through its initial growing pains. They left our campus in central Pennsylvania, traveled sometimes long distances, and then came back to reflect on how the travel changed them. Time to reflect on study away is an essential and unique part of the GO learning experience. Members of this class and those who have followed in their forotsteps not only have a broader view because of their travel and immersion experiences, they also have expanded Susquehannás global footprint from Selinstrowe to South Africa. Australia. Central America. Asia and Eurone.

This year, Susquehanna is the proud recipient of the Andrew Heiskell Award for internationalizing the Campus, one of the most significant awards in international education. The recognition is reflective of how far we have come with the GO program in just a few

short years. Prior to GO's launch, only 30 percent of our students had an off-campus study experience before graduation; now all of them do.

One hallmark of our program is its accessibility: GO removes the obstacles that prevent many students from having an experience so critical in today's world. Wherever possible, we have removed such barriers to study away as financial circumstances, grade point average, academic major and disability.

Our faculty members have collaborated to develop programs as diverse as examining the biology and culture of Australia and chamber music residencies in Japan to Hurricane Katrina cleanup in New Orleans and exploration of the Navajo Nation in the American West. We have ensured that the travel fits into students' academic tracks, allowing them to graduate in four years. We also have worked to keep the cost affordable and have offered financial aid to qualifying students



Students have the option to GO Long for a semester, GO Short for at least two weeks or GO Their Own Way with a self-designed adventure. Regardless of their choice, GO is about experiencing something new and different, which may be in an exotic location or on U.S. soil, often in service to our fellow citizens.

Reflecting on her experience, one member of the Class of 2013 said, "In Singapore, my group met up with two different backpackers: Borns from Boston and Bruno from Mexico. It was incredible how a group of strangers can truly feel like family after only a couple of days."

I am confident that GO is doing what it is intended to do—broadening students' horizons on the one hand, while making the world a bit smaller on the other. This program is destined to ensure that our students will be citizen-leaders wherever their lives take them, and that they will live out the university's mission by leading lives of achievement, leadership and service in our diverse and interconnected world.

Congratulations to the Class of 2013, the first to tread into new territory. Their first steps opened up new worlds to them and have made Susquehanna all the better for their experiences.

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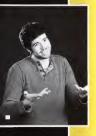
#### WHEN IT CAME TIME FOR HIM TO EMBARK ON A TWO-WEEK-LONG ADVENTURE IN JAPAN LAST SPRING. JAKE STAMATIS WAS IN A WORD TERRIFIED.

Growing up in the small town of Tunkhannock, Pa., Stamatis wasn't what one would call a world traveler. When he enrolled at Susguehana in 2009, the most exotic place he had ever visited was Disney World. And as he prepared to board his plane for a journey to the other side of the planet, the thought of experiencing life in a country as far flung as Japan seemed almost inconceivable.

"TII admit I was really scared. I was afraid of the unknown, afraid of the language barrier, even afraid of flying, It was a big step for me," says Stamatis, a senior music performance major. "But TII tell you what, I came back having faced all of those fears. And I am a stronger man for it."

For in traveling to a truly foreign place, we inevitably travel to moods and states of mind and hidden inward passages that we'd otherwise seldom have cause to visit.

PICO IYER, travel writer



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Like every other undergraduate at Susquehanna, Stamatis set out last spring to fulfill the Global Opportunities (GO) program, which guarantees that all students will have a study-away experience before graduating. Implemented in 2009 by a new Central Curriculum, GO affords students the opportunity to study in dozens of countries on the continents of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Africa. And upon returning, they enroll in a reflection course specifically tailored to each trip's academic and personal-development goals. It's a program unlike any other in the country, and the experience is often life changing.

For Stamatis, that experience took place during a 10-day residency at Japan's Niigata University, on the northwest coast of Honshu, Japan's largest island. There he studied chamber music with Japanese students and professors. After that he spent six days traveling through some of Japan's most remote and metropolitan regions, where the aspiring opera singer learned about Japanese culture by unimersing himself in the country's society, cuisine and language.

"My GO experience has done great things for who I am both academically and personally," says Stamatis. "I tackled a language barrier, a culture of traditions thousands of years old, and food that was completely foreign to me. And when I returned, part of my reflection course taught me that if I can handle that, I can handle anything the American 'real world' throws at me."

For Scott Manning, director of cross-cultural programs at Susquehanna, Stamatis' experience represents the precise reason he and other faculty members began advocating for GO's implementation nearly a decade ago. And now, as the first class required to fulfill the GO program prepares to graduate in May, Manning says he could not be more pleased.

"We're out here in rural Pennsylvania, and the culture can be a bit homogenous, a bit sheltered, with many of our students coming from small, rural areas with very little racial or cultural diversity," says Manning. "We wanted to expand that worldview, and GO has gone way beyond our expectations in doing just that. Students are blown away by their experiences, and frankly it often transforms them in remarkable ways."

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For one thing, GO presents students with three distinctly different program options: GO Long, GO Short and GO Your Own Way.

"GO Long is what most people think of when they think about studying abroad," says Manning "It allows students to study abroad for an entire semester, and it's a good experience for those who want to fully explore foreign cultures, countries and ideas for an extended period of time?

GO Short, on the other hand, is for students who are unable to leave Susquehanna for a prolonged period or who find that the focus of a shorter excursion is more meaningful than a traditional semester away. These faculty-led trips—which can be taken abroad or to various locations in the United States—usually last two to three weeks and are embedded within a course and topic. For instance, a biology student may travel to Australia with his or her professor to study the flora and fauna of that country on site.

GO Your Own Way can be either short or long, and it allows students who have very specific interests to propose a self-designed cross-cultural experience of their choosing.











"For many of our students, this is the first time they've even gotten on a plane," says Maria Finch, associate director of cross-cultural programs. "So even going to London or New Orleans for two weeks can be a major, major life experience. We are introducing a population to the world that just may not have had that opportunity otherwise."

Junior Maeve Kirby has already completed two GO trips and is planning to embark on a third this summer. Her first was a GO Your Own Way excursion to Managua. Nicaragua, which she took with 11 people from her church. During her two-week stay, Kirby toured several United Methodist congregations that were implementing a relief effort known as Stop Hunger Now, an organization that sends individually wrapped meals of beans and rice around the world

She also visited with Project Chacocente in the rural countryside of Masaya. Its mission is to relocate families living on the Managua city dump to the countryside, where they're enrolled in a five-year program that provides an education to adults and children, as well as materials to build their own houses and agricultural training so they can sustain themselves.

In Managua, Kirby saw families living on heaping piles of trash and finding shelter in small huts constructed of branches, cardboard and plastic. Children ran around barefoot, using the dump as not only their home, but their playground.

"Every worry or concern that I ever had before seemed so insignificant and stupid," says Kirby. "Who was I to complain, when I had a house with four strong walls, clean water at the turn of a spigot, and a maze of pipes running underneath the ground ensuring the proper disposal of sewage? My heart broke for the families of Nicaragua."

Her second trip was with a GO Short program known as Peace, Youth and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland. There she worked with Youth Works, a nonprofit organization that develops skill sets for businesses and local youth centers. In addition to working with the youth centers, she and her group met with former activists and ex-members of the Irish Republican Army

"Our generation in America has been extremely fortunate to have never experienced a war on our soil, so the opportunity to meet with individuals my age who were actively involved in the troubles of Northern Ireland was invaluable and very humbling," says Kirby.

But trips like Kirby's and Stamatis' were just part of the GO experience. A great deal of the real learning happened when they returned and took part in another unique aspect of the program-the reflection course.

#### "WHAT I THINK TRULY SETS GO APART FROM OTHER STUDY-ABROAD programs is the cross-cultural reflection requirement," says

Manning. "We don't give credit for the experience alone. We give credit for the reflection on that experience." This approach is becoming a model for other universities as

well. "Other study-abroad programs are beginning to take notice of the Susquehanna model," Manning says, "and some schools have already contacted us for help setting up similar requirements on their campuses."

After coming home from their trips, all students must participate in a reflection course, which varies for each program. After a GO Short trip, for instance, students meet with the others who traveled with them. Following a GO Long excursion, students take a course with those from other GO Long or GO Your Own Way programs, reviewing journal entries from their experiences or producing an academic paper, a presentation on or off campus, or a creative work.

"When students return from their cross-cultural experiences, they often notice that as time goes by, they are suddenly seeing things differently than they did before leaving," says Finch. "The job of the reflection courses is to help them understand why."

After her trip to Nicaragua, Kirby enrolled in a reflection course called "Self Exploration Through Travel Writing," which is taught by Associate Professor of English and Creative Writing Glen Retief. Throughout the semester-long course, which included students from many other GO trips, Kirby had to consider and write about a significant memory that affected her life while abroad.

"I reflected on the small moments that transcended language and borders, the moments where we were simply people taking care of one another," says Kirby. "We were also given weekly reading assignments [of stories by] famous travel writers, which helped us to remember

#### Susquehanna Earns Most-Coveted International Education Award

Susquehanna University has managed to internationalize its campus in just à few short years and claim a prestigious award for its accomplishments. The university has won the 2013 Andrew Heiskell Award for Internationalizing the Campus, presented by the Institute of International Education (IIE) in recognition of Susquehanna's Global Opportunities (GO) program and other related initiatives.

The Heiskell awards honor the most outstanding initiatives in international higher education, in five categories, among more than 1,100 IIE-member campuses. For a university, winning a Heiskell is like winning a Nobel; it means you're the best. And Susquehanna received its award for excellence in Internationalizing the Campus, the toughest category, says Mark Scheld, president and CEO of The Institute for Study Abroad. "This distinction clearly places Susquehanna among the top U.S. universities in the field of elobal education."

Scott Manning, director of cross-cultural programs, says the award "confirms our belief that every college graduate should be able to enter the workforce with crosscultural skills based on experience. At Susquehanna, we believe this is absolutely critical to the success of our graduates."

Susquehanna is among only a handful of schools to guarantee a study-away experience for all students, and its post-travel reflection course is unique. The university has also increased enrollment of international students by 35 percent in the past year, and added essential services such as a scholar-mentor program, managed by the Center for Diversity and Social Justice, which trains juniors and seniors to help international students adjust to their new home.



Above) Susquehanna students learn from an ustralian guide during Focus Australia, a 22-day udy program concentrating on the history, vulture ad biogeography of the island continent.

Below) Students assist with ongoing Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts during the two-week servici priented study program New Orleans Culture and Service: Hurricane Ralief Teant.



#### GO'S SUCCESS BY THE NUMBERS

Donned in sashes indicating their travel destinations, the Class of 2013 will take the stage in May for Commencement, knowing they share a special bond: Every one of them has been transformed over the last four years by a cross-cultural experience.

They entered Susquehanna in 2009 as the first class to be guaranteed participation in Susquehanna's model study-away program, Global Opportunities (GO). The numbers tell the story when measuring the program's success to date:

Average Percent of Students Having A Cross-Cultural Experience



American Students In General



SU Students Before GO



with 89%
 of those students
 studying international

SU Students After GO

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With Peace. Youth and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland. Kirby's reflection class was limited to the students with whom she traveled. The intimacy of that atmosphere allowed for deeper introspection on their collective experience, since they witnessed everything together and brought different viewpoints to one event.

"The additional time spent with the students I traveled with was really enjoyable, because the bond we formed in Northern Ireland was able to flourish back on campus," says Kirby. "We had experienced another world together, and being able to reflect on that with them only brought us closer."

For senior Holly Belkot, an international studies and history major, the GO reflection course not only helped her explore the broader implications of her trip, but it also guided her future career decisions.

During her sophomore year, Belkot traveled with GO Gambia, a semester-long excursion that's part of a consortium of schools with exchange programs through the University of the Gambia. For five months she studied at the university and lived with a local family and other American students in a neighborhood compound.

"We were able to operate as a family in a very different and distant locale," says Belkot. "We went to school, to the market, on trips, and around the country having the [experience] of living and going to school with Gambians, and the comfort of going home to fellow Americans to relax and be ourselves"

Belkot says the most personally significant culture shock was being an American woman living in a society that largely undervalues and, to some degree, suppresses women.

"Women are generally uneducated and married very young, and while I was not treated as a Gambian woman, many of the cultural expectations were still in place,"







says Belkot. Vastly different treatment of women was "something I knew existed, but seeing it play out in front of me was very difficult to process," she says. "It ultimately taught me about my values, my own culture and myself."

Upon returning to campus, Belkot enrolled in a reflection course designed to blend the academic and cultural aspects of her trip into a single educational experience. It was through this concentrated exploration that Belkot finally understood what her future would entail.

"Call it wanderlust, but GO Gambia enlivened my passions and made me realize that working abroad had to be a part of my life post-graduation," says Belkot, who has since applied for several international development grants and fellowships, and has been accepted to serve in the Peace Corps' Health Extension.

As he prepares to graduate, Stamatis says he's immeasurably grateful for his GO experience. Without it, he says, his time at Susquehanna would not have been nearly as enriching. And for those undergraduates who have yet to participate in GO, he has this final piece of advice:

"Just go for it! Throw yourself into it. I was terrified, but I did it. Eat every single bite of food put in front of you, try new things, take every chance, climb each rock. Just take advantage of your time abroad, no matter where you go. And talk to the people. That is the true wealth of a different culture. It's not in the artifacts or the monuments. It's in the people. Don't miss out on a chance to learn that" ~

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## STEM

Students Find Success at Susquehanna

#### BY MEGAN MCDERMOTT '14

WHEN THE FIRST GROUP OF BIOS-STEM STUDENTS
ARRIVED ON CAMPUS FOR A WEEK OF ORIENTATION
IS JUNE, THEY WERE INTRODUCED TO THE BIOLOGY
FACULTY, EACH OTHER AND LIFE AT SUSQUEHANNA.
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THROUGH THE BIOS PROGRAM.

#### "THE ACADEMIC LIFE HERE IS JUST SO AMAZING, I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE ANYWHERE ELSE."

- Ayanna Besson '16

THANKS TO A NEARLY 5600,000 S-STEM grant from the National Science Foundation, Susquehanna's Broadening Intensive Opportunities for Scholarship (BIOS) program provides financial support to academically qualified students who have been historically underrepresented in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), Associate Professor of Biology Tom Peeler, who oversees the BIOS program and taught the group's Perspectives course, is impressed with the first cohort's 11 biology majors. "Their motivation level is very high," Peeler says. "They want to be successful."

The program is designed to help the students achieve that success. Gabrielle Toussaint '16, a BIOS-STEM student from the Bronx, N.Y., who is also majoring in psychology, says, "I love the support we get. We have mentors."

She particularly appreciates that her opportunities aren't nestricted because she's a first-year student. Roussaint and the other BIOS-STEM students have been able to attend dinners with their professors, university President L. Jay Lemons and this year's Claritas Distinguished Visitor in the Sciences, among other activities.

Toussaint has also taken advantage of other opportunities at Susquehanna. She has been involved in the Black Student Union, joined the crew team her second semester, and plans to form a Caribbean Student Association. She is also working with fellow BIOS-STEM student Ayanna Beason '16 to develop a Global Opportunities (GO) program to the island nation of Trinidad and Tobago.

"Al this school, you get to make your own rouse; says Toussaint.

Whitney Frederic '16, another BIOS-STEM student, also praises the level of support she receives through the program. Being part of the BIOS-STEM program has added to my success at Susquehanna," she says. One of the best aspects of attending Susquehanna "is the number of individuals who are willing to help, or direct you on the right path to getting the help you need," says the Coatesville, Pa, native.

Frederic has already become immersed in campus life as well. She is a member of the Gospel Choir, Colleges Against Cancer and the Fashion Club.

Besson is impressed by how diligent the faculty has been about keeping program members apprised of upcoming opportunities. As a result, she has already taken advantage of a research opportunity with Assistant Professor of Biology David Matlaga. "I never would have picked up an ecology book on my own, but now I'm working with an ecologist," says Besson, a native of Rockville Center, N.Y.

Although, Besson says, being a member of the first group of BIOS-STEM students can be stressful and "keeps you on your toes," she considers it a privilege.

The academic life here is just so amazing, I wouldn't vant to be anywhere else," she says. ~

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# Marcos Krieger

To survive in the rain To rest, you must listen. The jungle is dense and dark, and vision can be missing, Alembers of the Xerente tribe Central Bazil ease attimed to the timest nuantes of sound, as they must be when sharing the forest with poincous snakes that mimic birckongs. They have learned to wealk in silence, so they can hear the jaguar before the jaguar hears them.

Marcos Krieger, the son of missionaries, was raised in the jungle and played with Xerente children. He felt at home in a culture more aural than visual, for he, too, was gifted with a sensitive ear. At age 12, he and his farjilly stopped for the night in São Paulo during a long trip. While watching TV in their hotel 100m, they I semed about a call-in contest: A classical piece would be played, and the first caller to identify the composer wo tuld win a prize. Krieger, who had been immersed in music ever since he could remember, immediately recognized the composer as Bach. The call was made, and the titinerary was vieily diverted to the station so young Krieger could pick up his prize, a double-LP of Bach cantatas, brand new on viryl. It was a prize he would never forget. Most of the LP, his family had owned were the heavy, shellac-based 78 rpms, which, he recalls, "might break your toe if they fell from the sleeves."

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Krieger's parents are Christian missionaries and linguistic scholars who studied the Xerente language for 12 years, creating a descriptive grammar that enabled the tribe to read the Bible within the context of their own culture

The Xerente practice animism, the belief that natural objects, natural phenomena and the universe itself possess souls. They live in simple houses with pounded-dirt floors, which are always swept clean because, otherwise, they believe, malevolent spirits could hide under the dust. The tribe believes that many of the spirits are lost souls who have not found their way to the Great Father in heaven and seek to catch living tribesmen to join them in their misery. To this culture the Kriegers added the concept of a loving God, as well as Christian hymns, far different from the music of the tribe, which was primarily percussion. In fact, their only nonpercussion instrument was a whistle-flute that created two pitches and was used more for communication than music, "rather like Morse code," Krieger explains.

He says his parents evolved from traditional Lutheranism to become "super-denominational," interested more in the basic message of the Bible than the dogma of specific creeds. Their love of scholarship and learning created a fertile environment for young Krieger's mind. Everything was observed and noted-the influence of Baptist missionaries, evident in the way the Xerente

organized some of their rituals; flagellation ceremonies, suggesting they had come in contact with proselytizers of Roman Catholicism: and particularities of the Xerente language, in which there are no abstract nouns, "Everything is either a concrete noun or a verb," Krieger explains. "They will not say 'God is love,' but 'God is the one who loves most.' This implies action and change in behavior."

These influences-immersion in music and awareness of culture and language-contributed to the talent that has brought Krieger to serve as assistant professor of music and director of chapel music at Susquehanna. Krieger has performed solo organ and harpsichord recitals in Germany, Italy, Spain, Brazil, Canada and the United States. He has been part of early music ensembles, and has played continuo, a kind of bass part, for all the major orchestral and choral works of J.S. Bach and Heinrich Schütz, among others. As a musicologist, he has recently presented papers pertinent to the keyboard music of the Iberian Renaissance, and as an ethnomusicologist, he continues to document how the Xerente express themselves musically, particularly through the appropriation and production of Christian hymns.

Krieger also serves as the university's organist. He loves the organ because it is, in his words, "an orchestra unto itself, capable of producing an extraordinary range of sounds and colors." He enjoys the challenge it poses to physical coordination-the active working of the hands and feet upon the tiered keyboard and foot pedals.

In 1991, Krieger left Brazil to begin graduate studies at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. There he worked under noted organist Parley Belnap. He earned his Master of Music and went on to achieve a Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of

(Left, top)
Marcos Krieger in the classroom
at Susquehama University
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Nebraska in Lincoln, where he studied with renowned Bach scholars Quentin Faulkner and George Ritchie. He describes these teachers as "remarkably kind and humble men, concerned not with their own reputations, but with the transmission of knowledge." Krieger has used their examples to inform his pedagogy. In my teachers, he says, "I saw the pure love of music and the desire that this should be passed on to the young. This has spurred me to do the same."

He has fashioned a teaching philosophy that is less about information than about ways of thinking. "These days its easy to find facts on the Internet," he says. "So I try to guide students toward the discovery of self, and how to create a personal style of playing."

Krieger's practice of lyengar yoga, a form of hatha yoga with key distinctions in technique, sequence and timing, has helped him both as a teacher and a performer. He says, "In yoga, you are looking for the perfect form, but also for the easiest and most graceful way to get there. So it is in music. At a concert, no one wants to hear an instrument tuned so tight that it is about to break, or a

voice strained to the point where it will crack. Yoga is a yoking of opposites striving and relaxing, for example. For the performer, this is a useful discipline."

As a citizen of Brazil and Germany, Krieger has felt at home in central Pennsylvania since coming to Susquehanna in 2007. The area reminds him of Germany, where towns are often organized around a river. And, unlike in the western states of Utah and Nebraska where he studied, the sense of history and the European presence here are much older. He enjoys going to farmers markets and having conversations in German with the Amish. He takes pleasure in the slightest correspondences, such as the way German peasant food has been translated to American food in the Susquehanna Valley. "In my mind," he says, "there is always a philological study going on."

At Susquehanna, Krieger enjoys watching talent blossom in students who have not yet realized the magnitude of their gifts. "Often they are the first generation to attend college," he says. "Their musical training may have been limited, and it's my opportunity to provide them with advanced techniques and a vocabulary that will help them to see music in a new light."

Krieger does not proselytize his Christianity, but instead provides "a safe place" for any student who is struggling with issues of faith. He says the intellectual rigor of a university environment can discourage some students from expressing their spiritual beliefs. Through music, Krieger tries to show that the two are not mutually exclusive. The talents of Mozart or Bach, he says, can be appreciated intellectually and aesthetically, but their genius is so magnificent, it makes sense to factor in the hand of God.

"By watching my parents with the Kerente tribe," he says, "I saw practical Christianity at its finest. They gave freely of themselves, believing that God had put them with the Kerente for a reason to provide help and guidance as the tribe transitioned into the modern world. It is the same with me and my students, and I am honored to guide them in their discoveries." ~

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#### PEOPLE & PLACES

THE WHO, WHAT AND WHERE FOR ALL THINGS SUSQUEHANNA



Stephen Sondheim

#### Celebrating Sondheim, Cunningham Center

Some 1,300 music and theatre lovers flocked to Weber Chapel Auditorium in February to hear legendary composer and lyricist Stephen Sondheim discuss his extraordinary influence on Broadway. During a career that spans nearly 60 years. Sondheim has set the standard for modern American musical theatre. He has collaborated on more than a dozen landmark shows and written countless standard songs. His works are in constant revival in New York, London and around the world. As Sondheim's lyrics have entered the American language-from "everything's coming up roses" to "send in the clowns"-so, too, has his music liberated Broadway from traditional songwriting conventions. Today, it is impossible to find a new musical of artistic ambition that has not been influenced by his breakthroughs.

During An Evening With Stephen Sondheim, Associate Professor of Theatre W. Douglas Powers interviewed him on stage, in a conversational style similar to that used on the Bravo cable channel's Inside the Actors Studio, The event was sponsored by the Dr. Bruce L. Nary Theatre Guest Artist Fund. established for the purpose of bringing to campus recognized professionals in the field of theatre. The fund honors the late Bruce L. Nary, who devoted his 31-year career as a theatre professor to recognition of the arts at Susquehanna University.

Preceding Sondheim's visit, Susquehanna featured his music in a program marking the 10th anniversary of the Cunningham Center for Music and Art. Opened in 2002, the Cunningham Center for Music and Art is the culmination of additions and extensive renovations to Heilman Hall, Susquehanna's signature music facility for more than 40 years. Heilman Hall was transformed by a \$7.5-million grant from the Degenstein Foundation in honor of

Susquehanna President Emeritus Ioel Cunningham and Professor Emeritus of Music Cvril Stretansky, longtime director of choral activities at the university. The gift recognized their commitment to bringing the fine arts to Susquehanna students and residents of the region. The building's art wing features studios for draw-

ing, photography and graphic design, as well as an art history classroom, faculty offices and display space. Its music wing boasts Heilman Rehearsal Hall for large-ensemble practices; percussion rooms, one of which houses Susquehanna's Stadium Band; 32 practice rooms designed for quality sound frequency; and faculty studios, student lounges and music technology laboratories. A separate wing is home to Stretansky Concert Hall, a 320-seat performance venue acoustically designed to optimize the technical sound produced by the singing voice and various musical instruments.



✓ See what Susquehanna students and faculty thought about seeing Stephen Sondheim up close and personal at www.susau.edu/sondheim.

#### HIP TO BE SQUARE

With the popularity of comicbook movies such as The Avengers and the hit TV show The Big Bang Theory, it seems "the nerds" truly are having their revenge. In response to the pop-culture phenomenon. a Susquehanna student conceived Nerd Nation, demonstrating that, at Susquehanna, it's cool to be a nerd.

"Normal people are nerds; everyone has a nerd inside them." says Daniel Mack '14, the communications-public relations major who founded Nerd Nation.

Nerd Nation is composed of the four student-run clubs on campus that some might find, well, nerdy-Anime and Manga Association, Comic Book Club, Table Top Gaming Club and Magic: The Gathering Club. Mack also hopes to revive the Video Gaming Club and add it to the nation.

The Anime and Manga Association discusses lapanese animated shows and graphic novels that have slowly crept into American pop culture. The Comic Book Club explores the realm of comic books, from DC and Marvel comics to films inspired by the genre. Table Top Gaming Club is for people who enjoy playing games that involve teams and sometimes role playing, such as Dungeons and Dragons. Magic: The Gather-

#### New Art Studio Opens at Susquehanna

The 2012-13 academic year marks the opening of a new art studio wing, named for Gus and Jenny Rose Carey P'13 and their daughter, Janet, a senior studio art major. The new studio space and enhanced student workspaces were praised during a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony in the Art Studio Building last fall.

Valerie Martin, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and associate provost, who hosted the event, called it a day "to celebrate art and honor the Careys for their shared vision and partnership in making this additional space a reality for the art department students and Susquehanna."

The north wing of the building, designed for teaching advanced drawing and painting, was added in 2008, thanks to support from the Degenstein Foundation. The newly opened south wing, made possible by the Careys' generosity, provides students with additional classroom and studio space, complete with moveable walls for creating and displaying student work. Foundations, painting, drawing and printmaking are taught in the building.

"The art major was first established back in 1988," explains Martin, "and since then, art has grown into a dynamic department offering a range of major and minor programs that blend theory and practice."

As a senior, Janet Carey is experiencing firsthand the impact of her parents' gift. "The creation of this new piece of our growing art program is extremely exciting not only for the school as an institution, but for the school as a continual family of students," Janet says. "Even when we are no longer here, this new addition will remain and house many talented young minds, allowing them to grow and learn as the progressive future of the art world."



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(Below: The Rev. C.T. Vivian (left) and Trusto, Long. Score 1-21.



HIP TO BE SOUARE CONTINUED

ing Club is for fans of this trading-card game, similar to Dungeons and Dragons but marketed to college students.

Mack estimates that, when fully implemented, Nerd Nation will have about 120 members, making it one of the largest non-Greek Life organizations on campus.

The notion of Nerd Nation at Susquehanna emerged last year, with both "Geek Life" and "Nerd Life" considered as possible names. Mack developed the idea in response to increasing competition among clubs for funding and members.

"We are competing against each other for money and members, but we are all part of the same culture." Mack says.

Although they will share the same budget, the clubs will continue to operate independently. Each club will hold its own events and have its own executive board that will work with the other Nerd Nation club boards on budgetary matters. The goal is to unite the clubs without forcing members to participate in all of them, Mack says.

#### Civil and Human Rights Notables **Headline King Celebration**

A living legend of the civil rights movement was one of two featured speakers at this year's Winter Convocation honoring the legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. The Rev. C.T. Vivian, a Baptist minister and civil rights activist who was one of the original Freedom Riders into Jackson, Miss., presented remarks with Susquehanna University Trustee James Stowe P'13, executive director of the Montgomery County, Md., Office of Human Rights.

Stowe and Vivian posed the question "Who's Got Next?," a charge to students and others to stand up and be counted among those who believe in freedom and responsibility, the university theme for the 2012-13 academic year.

Stowe has increased involvement in and developed a curriculum for the Human Rights Diversity Camp for 5th-grade students in Montgomery County, Md. The camp gives students opportunities to understand human

rights terms, concepts and experiences, and to develop as teams in a multicultural context. In addition, Stowe has coordinated the Civil Rights Educational Freedom Tour, an annual bus tour of sites key to the civil rights movement, retracing the Freedom Trail. He has provided consultation and advice to the Dr. Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolence and Social Change on numerous projects and led efforts to bring attention to the issue of human trafficking.

Vivian was among the vanguard of the civil rights movement, working to eliminate segregated lunch counters in 1947. He later founded the Nashville Christian Leadership Conference, organizing the first sit-ins there in 1960 and the first civil rights march. He worked alongside King and helped achieve passage of civil rights and voting rights legislation. He has provided counsel to four U.S. presidents, and continues to influence human rights and liberties.

✓ Watch a videotaped conversation between Vivian and Stowe about the importance of civil rights in today's interconnected world at www.susau.edu/MLK.















The gallery is closing the academic year with Presence, an exhibition by Assistant Professor of Art Ann Piper and her husband Aaron M. Brown. Piper and Brown are contemporary figurative painters whose work combines elements of observation and psychology, the objective and subjective. In their work, the human figure is placed at the center of a pictorial drama in which mundane aspects of the everyday world shed their familiar roles to become harbingers of transformation. Presence runs through May 10. The gallery is open seven days a week, noon to 4 p.m.

#### SCOREBOARD

NEWS FROM CRUSADER NATION

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#### Catching Up With Kwane Hayle '16

Hayle is a first-year student-athlete at Susquehanna, A biology major from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Hayle is a defensive player on the football sauad and a sprinter on the track & field team. In his very first collegiote track meet in December, Hayle set a school record in the 60-meter dash just weeks after wrapping up his first season of Crusader football, Katie Meier, director of athletics communications, recently talked with Havle about his standout first year at Susquehanna.

#### KM: What is your favorite athletic memory

KH: So far my favorite memory is when I broke the record in the 60-meter dash. I'm looking forward to having a lot more memories like that one.

KM: What's the best part of being a two-sport athlete? KH: The best part is building relationships with

#### KM: How did it feel to set the school record in the

KH: It felt good, but then again it didn't, because I felt like I didn't do my best.

KM: What are your goals for the upcoming

KH: My goals in the upcoming track season are to become an All-American and to drop my times

in the 60-, 100- and 200-meter races. In football, I am looking forward to starting at cornerback for the Crusaders and remaining a starter.

As a team member in track and field, I am looking forward to beating Moravian and winning the conference championships. For football, I am looking forward to winning a championship and getting a ring.

#### KM: What advice do you have for a prospective

KH: Give it your all and never give up. Listen to your coaches; they are there to help you get better. Make sure you keep your body nice and rested so you can perform your best.

#### KM: If you could meet anyone, alive or dead, who

KH: I would like to meet Usain Bolt or Kobe Bryant. They are my favorite athletes.

#### Susquehanna Represented in Bowl of Stars

Susquehanna head football coach Steve Briggs and senior defensive lineman Ken Schetroma '13 were selected to coach and play, respectively, in the Tazon de Estrellas (Bowl of the Stars) NCAA Division III Senior All-Star Game on Dec. 15 in Guadalaiara, Mexico.

This marked the fourth-straight year Susquehanna has sent a senior to the All-Star Game. Dave Paveletz '10 played in 2009, Ryan Schumann '11 participated in 2010, and Matt Knouse '12 played in the 2011 game.

Briggs served as a defensive coach, while Schetroma played in the game along with teammates from 26 different DIII colleges and universities. The team faced players from CONADEIP All-Stars Mexico and came out victorious, 32-15. Schetroma finished with four tackles in the game, two unassisted, for a team that gave up just 259 yards of total offense.

Players and coaches spent nearly a week in Mexico leading up to the game, holding practices and participating in community-service projects.







Matt Learner 04 at the 2012 Atherite Facil of Fam, indication receiving

#### Alumni Inducted Into Sports Hall of Fame

Six former student-athletes were inducted into Susquehanna's 2012 Athletics Hall of Fame on Sept. 28 during Homecoming-Reunion Weekend.

The six members were field hockey player Leah Bailor '03 Hane, track & field athlete Matt Deamer '04, women's tennis player Tara McHugh '04, and football players Mark Bartosic '04, Mike Bowman '03 and Matt Wichlinski '00.

The induction ceremony was held at the annual Hall of Fame banquet. The inductors were then honored at halfitime of the football game against Muhlenberg on Sept. 29. Former football and track & field standout Gory Mabry 91 also received special recognition during halfitime for being selected as one of 36 inductees into the inaugural Mid-Atlantic Conference (MAC). Hall of Fame.

#### Sweet 16 for Soccer

The 2012 men's soccer season was one for the ages, capped off by the program's firstever appearance in the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Susquehanna won the Landmark Conference championship for the second time in school history—and the first time since 2008—to earn an automatic spot in the NCAA tournament. The Crusaders were selected as a first-round host, and defeated Cabrini and Rochester to advance to the Sweet 16

That round, played in San Antonio, Texas, pitted Susquehanna against Ohio Northern, where Susquehanna fell 4–1 to the eventual national championship runner-up Polar Bear squad.

The Crusaders, who finished the fall season ranked No. 13/15 in the nation, logged program records in wins (18), shutous (12), All-Landmark Conference players (7) and NCAA Tournament wins (2). In addition to setting records, the team received numerous postseason awards on both the individual and team level.



Brandon Kates 1

Five players earned All-Mid-Atlantic Team recognition, including senior Brandon Kates, who went on to also be named a D3soccer.com All-American.

Off the field, eight men's soccer players were named to the Fall Academic Honor Roll, and the team received the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Team Academic Award for achieving a GPA of 3.0 or higher during the 2011–12 academic year.

#### X's and O's

Brandon Kane '13 was named the Landmark Conference Cross Country Senior Scholar-Athlete Kane was the first Susquehanna cross country athlete to parn the honor since 2008

Thirty-eight student, athletes from Susquehanna were named to the Landmark Conference Fall Academic Honor Roll

Fore full student athletes were named to the Landmark Conference Fall All Academuc Team: Emily Carpon '13' (voilleyfaul). Paul Crowe' 15' (1765) Country! Mirrissia Mekooh '13' field hockey) and Andrew Murphy '14' Linesi'. soccet; Caison was also named a 20'12' Divsoon III Hononable Meetion All American by the American Voilleyfall Cockbe's Association (AVCA) and earned a spot on the AVCA Med Atlaunc All Pregion Team.

Head field hockey coach **Kaitlyn Wahila** and her assistants were named the Landmark Conference Co-Coaching Staff of the Year,

Cross country alumni Ryan Gleason '04 and Greg Pealer '85 and women's soccer alumna Kate McMaster '05' were named to their respective Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC)

Men's and women's soccer received the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Team Academic Awards for the 2011—12 academic year

Senior field hockey player **Ally Bradley** was selected to play in the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Division III Senior Game.

Correction: In the fall issue of Susquehanna Currents, women's lacrosse goalie Emity Stankaitis was listed as the first All-American in women's lacrosse history. Erin Powell' 01 was the program's first All-American (third team). Stankaitis was the first Second-Feam honoree.





Coordinator for Postgraduate Advising

#### A&9

In September, Associate Professor of History C. Cymone Fourshey was appointed Susquehanna's new faculty coordinator for postgraduate advising. The position was established to further strengthen the outcomes of a Susquehanna education. In this work, Fourshey is partnering with Ed Clarke, assistant provost for postgraduate opportunities and director of foundation and government relations, and Brenda Fabian, director of Susquehanna's Career Development Center. In addition to these responsibilities and her teaching duties, Fourshey directs the university's International Studies Program. Susquehanna Currents recently caught up with Fourshey to discuss her new role.

SC: How does teaching intersect with your new role?

CF: As a scholar of African history at a selective national liberal arts college, I see my mission as exposing students to new ideas and ways of thinking so they can analyze situations more comprehensively. I see my work as faculty coordinator for postgraduate opportunities as a chance to connect students to experiences that allow them to expand their skill sets, both intellectually and practically.

SC: What benefits do postgraduate awards

CF: Fellowships, scholarships, grants and volunteer opportunities are important options to consider in the development of a vocational path. By applying for these opportunities, students can hone in on their values and assess their goals. These opportunities should be seen as a way to build skills and increase one's intellectual ability and, depending on the opportunity, one's practical knowledge. Most importantly, a fellowship, internship or volunteer opportunity should be considered an important component of a student's career path. They open many doors in the professional and graduate school worlds. While most of the opportunities are for postgraduate experiences, there are also a number of opportunities for sophomores, juniors and seniors.

SC: Several scholarships and postgraduate opportunities give students the chance to visit other countries. How beneficial is this to students?

CF: While there are many postgraduate opportunities here in the United States, there is also a host of experiences to be had abroad, Whether abroad or domestic, these experiences tend to be transformative, in that they expose students to icleas, places and people different from [those in] their previous experience. In visiting other countries, students are able to take in entirely new viewpoints and ways of living, which is increasingly important in both the workplace and our personal lives as communities across the globe become more diverse and transnational. If leveraged properly, garnering such opportunities abroad is a professional advantage for positioning oneself.

SC: You received two Fulbright scholarships to perform research in Tanzania. Why do you think it's important to help others have meaningful postbaccalaure ate experiences like yours?

CF: I am interested in helping students pursue such opportunities because I do believe that they will be transformational for them, whether through a Fulbright, Rhodes, Udall or other postgraduate award, or through volunteer opportunities such as the Peace Corps and Teach for America. Beyond allowing recipients to pursue issues of personal value, they provide individuals with the opportunity to refine their values and plans, while also enhancing skills that are essential in the professional world and one's personal life.



#### SYLLABUS

#### Class Examines Impact of Culture

Bias and prejudice are not always obvious to the untrained eye. Thankfully, Associate Professor of Psychology Gretchen S. Lovas is far from untrained. In her Psychology, Culture and Ethnicity course, she shines a light for her students on bias and prejudice. The class, which explores culture's influence on human development, behavior and intergroup relationships, also uncovers some brutal truths

Many of these truths are illuminated by studying multicultural psychology, a field Lovas says focuses on "the dynamics of interaction among cultures and ethnicities." For example, the class addresses cultural interactions in U.S. history, including its past of slavery and genocide. Although many may try to distance the country from these horrors, Lovas maintains that "the legacy of that history is still operating today."

Acknowledging present-day racism leads students to question their own attitudes. Sara Saltzman '13. an elementary education major who took the course in the spring of 2011, says she and her classmates connected topics from the course to personal experience using cross-cultural psychology, a discipline whose insights help combat racism by examining what Lovas calls the "universal features of human life." Although differences exist among cultures, Lovas says people of every culture have similar emotional, social and familial experiences.

"We defend ourselves from incursions into our territory and fight to protect our kin. We create art and have philosophical and religious traditions. We are really quite similar to each other, no matter how different our context might be," she says.

Nevertheless, context shapes lives, and Lovas considers it her job to help students understand their place—and the importance of that place—in a matrix of race, class and gender. As she explains, "What you do with that 'place' matters."

#### FORWARD THINKING

#### Conflict Resolution and the Changing Face of War

Libya, Egypt and Syria are among the latest countries to face conflict in the Middle East, a region where Andrea Lopez's research on peacekeeping and counterinsurgency could easily apply. An associate professor of political science at Susquehanna, Lopez first became interested in these topics while pursuing her doctorate degree at the University of Michigan.

As her research progressed, Lopez found that peacekeeping operations (PKO) and counterinsurgency (COIN) share the goal of developing stable governments that can maintain control of the state without foreign involvement. "Peacekeepers and counterinsurgents would like to withdraw without the state falling back into war," says Lopez.

Although their ultimate goal is the same, PKOs and COIN use very different approaches to achieve that end. For instance, counterinsurgency involves people who are often biased toward one side or the other in a conflict, while peacekeepers must remain impartial,

"The key here is that while COIN and PKOs function very differentlyfor example, COIN is far more focused on war fighting and engaging in offensive operations against rebels-there are lessons that can be taken from both about the balance between

limits of each." Lopez says. Both efforts must balance the need to deter and if need be defeat rebels with the need to build a legitimate governmentone that provides the goods and services the population needs,

violence and governance and the

and has widespread public involvement in selecting the government and maintaining its accountability. "A key limit is that foreign

forces have only so much ability to control the local governments. The local government is really the one to decide whether it will

engage in good governance or whether it will engage in practices that, in the end, will result in a weakening of legitimacy and undermine even the best efforts of COIN and PKO forces," Lopez says.

Lopez uses a variety of sources for her research and enlists the help of student assistants like Taylor O'Connor '16 to sift through reference material such as U.N. peacekeeping policies.

In addition to her continued study of peacekeeping and counterinsurgency, Lopez is investigating how wars have changed in recent history. Rather than two or more nations declaring war against each other, most modern wars began with turmoil between the government and its people, Lopez says.

"We are experiencing an age when violence is no longer due to the conflicting interests of nations," O'Connor adds, "but rather the conflict between the wants and needs of the people and the confines of their governance."



#### KUDOS

#### **Budding Ecologist** Interns at UC-Berkeley

Last summer, ecology major Andrew Budsock '14, from Nazareth, Pa., completed a research internship at the University of California-Berkeley, as part of a program in the university's School of Public Health called Short Term Educational Experiences for Research in Environmental Health for Undergraduate Students, or STEER. Working with assistant researcher Elizabeth Carlton, Budsock investigated the effects of flooding on the disease pathway of the liver fluke Opisthorchis viverrini in Khon Kaen Province, Thailand, He also helped establish a flood-monitoring system in northeast Thailand that facilitated understanding of waterborne disease patterns in the area. While at Berkeley, Budsock and 11 other STEER interns also attended a seminar series on environmental health. He learned of the internship through a Society of Toxicology conference he attended with a travel award.

Back at Susquehanna, Budsock is a member of the university's Committee on Sustainability and also majors in German. He spent the fall semester immersed in the language through a study-abroad experience in Freiburg, Germany,

#### **Alumnus Earns Critical** Acclaim for Opera

Composer David Little '01 was featured in the Critic's Notebook column in the Jan. 14 issue of The New Yorker. In it, critic Russell Platt called Little's opera Dog Days "an example of old-fashioned artistic achievement." Created with librettist Royce Vavrek, Dog Days is based on Judy Budnitz's short story of the same name, about a 13-year-old girl and her family during an apocalyptic wartime. The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal have also praised the show, which was part of Montclair State University's Peak Performances series. Another one of Little's operas, Soldier Songs, played at the



Prototype Festival in New York City from Jan. 11 to 18. In addition, the Fort Worth Opera Company has commissioned Little and Vavrek to compose an opera about the final days of President John F. Kennedy's life.

#### Hollywood is on the Horizon For Bailey's First Novel

Glenn Close, James Franco and Brit Marling signed on last fall to star in the film version of The Grace That Keeps This World, the 2005 novel by Professor of English and Creative Writing Tom Bailey, The movie will be directed by Azazel Jacobs from a screenplay adapted by Matthew Aldrich. Bailey optioned the film rights in 2007 and anticipates filming to begin in December, although the lead character, Gary Hazen, has yet to be cast. Although no release date has been set, Bailey says he's a patient man who is happy to leave Hollywood to filmmakers. "I'm content to see how it works out. Lots of really smart, talented people are going at this."

Even so, he hopes to visit the set once filming is underway. "Matt [Aldrich] and I have become friends," he said, "And my kids can't wait to be extrast?

The Grace That Keeps This World follows the lives of Gary and Susan Hazen and their two adult sons in the days leading up to hunting season in the Adirondacks.

#### Faculty and Alumni Release New Books

Gary Fincke, professor of English

and director of the Writers Institute

Craig Stark, assistant professor of communications (with Samuel I. Sauls)

Erik Viker, associate professor of theatre and production manager (editor)

Jeffrey K. Mann, associate professor of religion

Rachana Sachdev, associate professor

(co-editor with Qingjun Li)

Bucknell University Press (October 2012)

of English

Nick Ripatrazone '03

Modern Manners for Your Inner Demons

Tara Laskowski '02

Matter Press (September 2012)

Contributing writers to the departments are Karen Jones, assistant director of media relations; Mikaela Klimovitz '16, a communications and business administration major from Baltimore; Megan McDermott '14, a creative writing and religion major from Lewisberry, Pa.; Katie Meier, director of athletics communications; and Bethany Slear '16, a creative writing and German major from Lewisburg, Pa.



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"Alumni are vital to the success of our students, and giving back to their alma mater in this way is a valuable experience for both alumni and students." -Becky Bramer '92 Deitrick

and students during Break Through, our debut event intended to shatter the records of previous career days that struggled to attract students, It fulfilled its intent by drawing more than 250 students to participate in the weeklong series of events, thanks to Center, the Office of Communications and the Office of Alumni Relations.

A huge debt of gratitude is owed to the 80-plus alumni who came to campus to meet with students over lunch and to take part in panel discussions and a networking session. Special thanks also goes out to alumni who participated remotely via Skype sessions, and to those who provided students with video and written advice and business cards. Altogether, more than 300 alumni participated in Break Through, and students were thrilled with the connections they were able to make with Susquehannans who came before them. Here are just a few of the comments we heard from students:

"I attended a panel this weekend at Break Through and met a great alumnus who was very willing to help us out. I am going to shadow him at the end of the

"I had never really thought about the new things you were showing me [at Break Through] that I can do with my résumé, and I think it will really help me out with getting an internship this summer." - Andrew Culbertson '15

Alumni are vital to the success of our students, and giving back to their alma mater in this way is a valuable experience for both alumni and students. Through the Susquehanna alumni network, we can provide that extra-special touch that can help shape a student's life. Thanks to a committee of faculty, students, alumni and staff, Break Through became much more than a career fair. It welcomed all majors from all class years and focused on tips that can be helpful to all areas of a person's life, including the formative college years. The program enjoyed such success that we plan to continue it in 2014. Who knows? You may find that your next employee, intern or colleague is waiting to meet you at Break Through. ~

SINGFRELY.

Becky Bramer '92 Deitrick, Director of Alumni Relations

SAVE THE Family Weekend 2013 Nov. 1–3, 2013

#### 1957

Joan Raudenbush '57 Wendel sings with the Greater Harrisburg Sweet Adeline Chorus. In July, they competed at the World Choir Games in Cincinnati and won the gold medal for the barbershop division. Dawn Fritz '86 Veet also sings with the chorus.

#### 1963 SOTH REUNION

#### 1965

Barry Bence '65 retired on his 66th birthday and returned to Winnipeg, Manitoba, in July 2009, after serving for more than 30 years in the Lutheram minstry in Canada and an additional seven years in social services in Pennsylvania. Bence now volunteers at Children's Hospital in Winnipeg and provides ostool services to Manitoba congresations.

#### 1966

Wayne Fisher '66 has been elected president-elect of the Gasualty Actuarial Society. Fisher will serve as president-elect for one year, followed by a second year as president. Fisher also serves as chair of the audit committee for the board of Zurich Financial Services, where he retired as other liss fiftee in 2006.

#### 1967

John Norton '67 is the vice president for institutional advancement at the University of New England.

#### 1968 45TH REUNION

Richard Michael '68 was awarded the Rev. Lyle Guttu Award for 'spiritual contributions to Wagner College and the local and global communities' by the National Alumni Association of Wagner College in Staten Island, N.Y.

#### 1973 40TH REUNION

James Ehrhom '73 retired after more than 40 years in media and radio—a career that began in September 1957 at WISU. As co-host of Work Morning News on WSSA, Ehrhorn was among lakers magazine's 250 most important and influential talk-radio hosts in America for four years in a row. He was granted membeship in the National Press Oub in 2003 and will continue that membeship in retirement.

#### 1975

Gene Walter: 75 was awarded a knighthood by the Crown Council of Ethiopia. It was bestowed by this Imperial Highness Prince Ermias Sahle. Selassie Halle Selassie, who presently lives in exile from the current Ethiopian government. Walters was also awarded the Royal Medal of the Lion of Judah, which recognizes loyal and faithful service. Walters is an ordained Anglican priets who served for 22 years in the U.S. Public Health Service and the U.S. Army, and an additional 13 years in the U.S. Army Reserve.

#### 1976

Steve Deck '76 joined Susquehanna Bank as senior vice president in the commercial real estate department.

Kathi Stine '76 Flack and her late husband, Rusty '76, are the recipients of the 2012 Trustee Associates Award from the Misericordia University Board of Trustees. The award is given annually to friends of the university who have demonstrated outstanding dedication, service and enerous support.

#### 1978 35TH REUNION

Mark Cummins '78 and his wife, Karen, were named "Pillars of the Community" by Encore Experiences in Harleysville, Pa., for their support of initiatives designed to improve the quality of life in the local community.

Richard Brugger '78 married Jill Ann Jacoby Dec. 1.

#### 1979

CORRECTION's Samuel Hoff '79', George Washington Distinguished Professor of History and Political Science and director of law studies at Delaware State University, received the 2012 Faculty Excellence Award for Advising. This is Hoff's sixth Faculty Excellence Award. He is the only faculty member to receive the annual award in all flour categories of teaching, research, service and advising.

#### 1980

Teri Guerris'i 80 accepted Theatre Harrisburg's 2012. Award for Distinguishe Service to the Arts in the Capital Region on behalf of the Live at Rose Lehman Artist Series, a program she has directed at Harrisburg (Pa.) Area Community College for the past 23 years. The award was presented during a gall on Rpril 29, 2012, at the Whitaker Center for Scener and the Arts in Harrisburg, intrated in 1989, the award shones contributions to the area's cultural life. (More or SUB Bridge)

Charles Zlock '80 was appointed the new rector at Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, Pa. 🚿 1983 30TH REUNION

#### 1984

Kip Hollister 'B4 was named the 2012 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year for Service in New England. She was nominated by Women Entrepreneurs in Science & Technology (WEST).

#### 1986

Dawn Fritz '86 Veet, see 1957

1988 25TH REUNION

#### 1989

Bridget McKinley 'B9 is a second-grade teacher for The American School of Marrakech in Morocco.

#### 1991

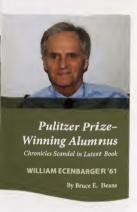
Lynda Sloane '91 Bennett Joined Lowenstein Sandler as an insurance litigator and will chair the firm's insurance coverage group.

#### 1992

Jay Bosanko '92 was appointed chief operating officer for the National Archives and Records Administration. He began his career with the National Archives in 1993 as an archives technician, moved on to become an archivist, and later a management and program analyst. He has served as the National Archives' executive for agency services since 2011. In that role, he is responsible for national efforts to manage the records of federal departments and agencies, and to represent the public's interest in the accountability and transparency of federal records. He oversees the work of the Office of the Chief Records Officer, the nationwide Federal Records Centers Program, the Office of Government Information Services, the Information Security Oversight Office and the National Declassification Center. Bosanko also serves as the National Archives' senior representative to an Interagency working group established by the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. The group analyzes the process by which Filipino veterans of World War II demonstrate eligibility for compensation. \$\square\$

Tom Dodd '92 is the principal at Lesher Middle School in Fort Collins, Colo. Last year, the school was one of 10 secondary schools nationwide to be named a Metilde-NASSP Breakthrough School. The recognition is given to schools that serve large numbers of students living in poverty and have dramatically improved student achievement.

#### CLASS NOTES



When he first read about the "kids for cash" scandal—two Luzerne County (Pa.) judges accused of taking millions of dollars in kickbacks for unjustly sending thousands of children to for-profit juvenile detention facilities—William Ecenbarger '61 thought he must have misread the story.

But then he covered a judicial hearing in Harrisburg for The Philadelphia Inquirer, where he had once worked. "After listening for an hour, I knew there was a great book in it," says Ecenbarger. Indeed, that book, Kids for Cash: Two Judges, Thousands of Children, and a 82.6 Million Kickhack Scheme (The New Press, 2012), was published in October to excellent reviews.

Ecenbarger blames "the innate corruption of the area" and the American mania for imprisonment for the scandal that resulted in long federal prison terms for the judges. "It was well known that the kids weren't being treated well, but there was no local outrage until it was revealed that the fudges were taking bribes." he saws.

This, his third book, is just the latest milestone in Ecenbarger's distinguished, half-century-long journalism career.

At Susquehanna, the Long Island native edited the weekly newspaper and majored in English literature." I had a Dickens seminar where five of us sat around a table talking about his novels, the Hummelstown, Pa., resident recalls. I truss very good training for a journalist. Several years later, when I was working for UPI (United Press International), I realized I had a tremendous advantage over journalism graduates, because I had gotten a really good education and background in literature, history and political science."

As The Philadelphia Inquirer's Harrisburg bureau chief, Ecenbarger was one of the newspaper's reporters who won a Pulitzer Prize for coverage of the 1980 The Mile Island nuclear accident. Two years earlier, he and two other reporters were Pulitzer finalists for a series on corruption in the state legislature

that won numerous awards, including the George L. Polk Award for Public Service.

A freelancer since 1981, Ecenbarger wrote more than 100 articles for the now-defunct Philadelphia Inquirer Magazine. A prolific travel writer, he won the 1996 Lowell Thomas Travel Writer of the Year award, and has written regularly for such national magazines as Reader's Digest.

"It's the only thing I know how to do," he says of writing. "I can't think of anything else that could be more fun, stimulating or continuously interesting."

Bruce E. Beans is a contributing writer from Warrington, Pa.

#### 1993 20TH REUNION

Michael Alderman '93 was named vice president of leasing and development at Liberty Property Trust, located in Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley.

Gregg Desiderio '93 is the principal of Valley Middle School in Oakland, N.J.

Tim Murray '93 was promoted to CEO of Aluminum Bahrain (Alba), one of the largest aluminum smelters in the world.

Jennifer Hendricks '93 married Brad Wingard Sept. 22.

#### 1994

James McKinley '94 is an associate professor at Sophia University. He holds a doctorate degree in applied linguistics from Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand.

Born to Chris and Denise Ernst '94 Julio, a daughter, Gabriella Lorraine. June 29.

#### 1995

Born to Cesar and Charlene Fravel '95 Aviles, twins, Austin Michael and Victoria Elizabeth, March 20.

Born to Heather and Jeremy Lundgren '95, a daughter, Sutton Grace, Aug. 3.

#### 1996

Marisa Dottore '96 Bennett works for Gannett Company Inc. as a marketing and media planner.

Margaret Pierce '96 Frantz left Rutgers University after 10 years to become the assistant director of publications for Thomas Edison State College in Trenton, N.J.

#### 1997

Born to Ken and Tracy Benninger '97, a son, Zachary Alexander, July 3.

Born to Mike and Kim Bierman '97 Lusch, a daughter, Madison Grace, May 31.

#### 1998 15TH REUNION

Born to John and Erin McNeice '98 Piesieski, a son, Andrew "Drew" Jack, Aug. 29.

Born to Chad and Jennifer Elkins '9B Strauss, a daughter, Katherine Fleanor, May 24

#### 1999

Christine Hughes '99 Fischer was named elementary principal for the Le Sueur-Henderson School District in Minnesota.

Born to David and Judy Carletta '99 Larsen, a daughter, Alyssa Carletta, Nov. 25.

Born to Brandon and Alison Griffie '99 Parker, a son, Reis Thomas, July 20.

Born to Jason '99 and Lane Ameel '01 Shober, a daughter, Isabella Jane, July 3.

#### 2000

Tara Laskowski '00 is the senior public relations manager and social media coordinator at George Mason University.

Jennifer Perrine '00 was recently awarded tenure and promotion to associate professor of English at Drake University.

Born to Ambrose and Heather Capreol '00 Coddington, a daughter, Avelyn, June 9.

Born to Michael '02 and Stacey Park '00 Thomas, a daughter, Jillian Park, Aug. 31, 2011.

Born to Tom and Cheryl Fell '00 Tourish, a son, Finn Thomas, Aug. 4.

Born to Michael and Erin Callahan '00 Wheeler, a daughter, Emma Lin, Sept. 12.

#### 2001

Thomas G. Brown '01 was elected to serve as a delegate to the Republican National Convention for the 5th congressional District of Pennsylvania. He has been a committeeman for the Centre Counts Republican Party for the past five years. He also writes a daily blog that focuses on politics and economics. He is also a regular contributor to the Interdependent Voter Network website.

Mike Dilorscia '01 was featured on the front page of the business section in the San Diego Union Tribune. Dilvorscia is co-founder of Sweet 100, a private equity firm focused on investments within the restaurant industry, and location Matter, a commercial real estate company specializing in regional and national restaurant brands.

Charlotte Murray '01 and Adam Reemts '01 recently moved to the greater Austin area with their two daughters, Ella and Vanessa. Murray is a research and monitoring ecologist with The Nature Conservancy, and Reemts is choir director for Hutto Middle School.

Born to Brian '02 and Amy Ely '01 Bush, a son, Ethan John, July 15.

Born to Danielle and Bill Cleary '01, a daughter, Sloane Mckeon, July 11.

Lane Ameel '01 Shober, see 1999.

Born to Phil and Katherine Minton '01 Tackett, a son, Samuel Frederick, Feb. 17, 2012.

Born to Ben and Katherine Steinke '01 Morris, a son Holden Lawrence, June 21.

Born to Fritz and Roxanne Halpine '01 Ward, a daughter, Freya Jade, July 8. 🚿

#### 2002

Leslie Marshall '02 is a health scientist administrator for the National Institutes of Health Prevention Sciences Program in the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases' Division of AIDS, located in Bethesda, Md.

Amy Young '02 Lannen is featured on a billboard in the Jacksonville, Fla., region as part of the American Heart Association First Coast Market's local campaign. She has been a volunteer for the local Heart Walk since 2006.

Born to Melissa Jean Cooper '02, a son, Tyler Glen, March 17, 2012.

Born to Branden Pfefferkorn '02, a daughter, Lucia Rose Calderson, Sept. 19.

#### 2003 10TH REUNION

Born to Travis and Jennifer Brennan '03 Ramdawar, a daughter, Fiona Lily, March 13, 2012.

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#### HOMECOMING-REUNION WEEKEND Oct. 18-20, 2013

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In Systember, the New York Carly Regional Alumn Chapter held a happy hour to welcome recent graduates. He event was held at the robble fronce to the New York Carlon and the Class of the Class of the Carlon and the Class of 2021 as few weeks carlier, and the New York City chapter sourch both to celebrate the new class and commensurate the accomplishments of the Class of 2021 as they move into the next phase of their lowshift was the Class of the Class of Will nove than 40 alumni in attendance, langiter and good closer were abundant. Alumni is all large were able to recommer with old fronces and meet new people, the new graduates received uriese and life electrons, and a good time was that by all.

Whether you are among the class of 1982, 1982 or 2012, the New York City Regional Alumni Chapter is here to connect Susquehuma graduates biving and working in the city and surrounding areas. Through events, mentoring, and professional and social networking, we'll help you maintain those connections that made you part of the Susqueharma family.

#### CLASS NOTES

Born to Andrew articl Alison Ream '03 Brayford, a son. William, Oct. 8.

Born to Andrew and Becki Bert '03 Campanaro, a son, Anthony Jacob, June 24

Born to Michael and Hilary Koehl '03 Riedemann, a daughter, Sydney L.ynn, Aug. 23, \$\square\$

#### 2004

Jennifer Dorr '04 was awarded a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is continuing her medical training in pediatrics at the University of Connecticut, Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

Brett Johnson '04 is an assistant professor of English and theatre at Merc vhurst University in Frie. Pa.

Cristina Pittiolio '04 m arried Peter Coolidge '05 May 26. Kenneth Schonewolf '04 married Caitlin Abidin June 9.

Evan Shuey '04 married Ingrid del Rocio Segarra April 14, 2012.

Born to Justin and Melissa Bird '04 Stradnick, a daughter, Morgan Rose

Born to Alfred and Julie Peechatka '04 Busuego, a daughter, Kara Lily, Aug. 30.

Michael Thomas '02, see 2000

#### 2005

Angela Zurlo '05 was promoted to production manager at Simon & Schuster and has been recognized for her five years of service to the company.

Peter Coolidge '05, see 2004.

Ashley Cooper '05 married Dave Kraige Oct. 6.

David DeVita '05 married Marissa Householder Oct. 7.

Megan McDonald '05 married Joshua Griest Oct, 20.

Born to Tim '05 and Melissa Myers '06 Cafarchio, a son, Charles Stephen, June 26.

#### 2006

Kimberly Ross '06 is the interim undergraduate applications manager at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia. She is working toward a Master of Arts in Hispanic studies at Villanova University.

Amy Thul '06 works for The Pennsylvania State University as an assistant director for alumni career services.

Jack Calabria '06 recently co-wrote an article for the Huffington Post website titled "President Ohama's Emancipation Proclamation," which commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation by examining it through the lens of the 2012 election. Jacopo della Quercia is Calabria's pen name. He is researching the Taft and Lincoln presidencies for an upcoming book.

Mark Anskis '06 married Lindsay Carpenter '08 June 24.

#### 2007

Erika Barron '07 was inducted into the Tamagua (Pa.) Area High School Athletic Hall of Fame. She earned varsity letters in basketball, track, cross country and volleyball. She is a long-term substitute teacher at Tamagua Elementary School.

Salvatore Pane '07 published his first novel, Last Call in the City of Bridges. Set in Pittsburgh in 2008, just before the election of President Barack Obama, the novel was released in November.

Lauren Manley '07 married Brian Nalls '07 June 16 in Princeton N I

Flizabeth Balduino \*OG and Brandon Nagy '06 were married on Aug. 27, 2011, m Morristown, N.J. 37





The Susquehanna Ice Hockey Club hosted its first annual alumni game at its home rink in Sunbury, Pa., during Homecoming-Reunion Weekend 2012. The teams consisted of both current and returning players. Alumni players were, left to right, back row: Matthew Gawlicki '11, John Snyder '87 and Thomas Vollkommer '11; front row: Jim Skidmore '86, Dustin Breakey '11, Bryan Lysy '11, Ceara Teixeira '11, Hamush Driskell '11 and John McEvoy '80.



Sarah Ayers '94 once drew thunderous applause after belting out a tune in the dining room of New Yorks Plaza Hotel. She was 2 years old and seated in a high chair at the time. It's the kind of story parents love to tell. Of course, Sarah was too young to remember the incident, but ask her what she was singing, and she'll fell you it was probably Thumbelina. 'That was my favorite when I vasa little,' she says, 'and I al-ways sang it at the top of my lungs.' In fact, she remembers "screaming" it in church one Sunday, her large voice rising above the congregation's Neuer My God to Thee.

Thus began a twisting, turning musical path that included touring Europe as a 13-year-old jazz trombonist, singing opera with a company in Anchorage, Alaska, and launching, at last, a career as a blues vocalist.

In high school, Ayers hoped to attend Colgate University as a chemical engineering major. But when she heard her cousin singing in a senior recital at Susquehanna, she wondered if she, too, could sound like that. So she enrolled at Susquehanna under the tutelage of music professors such as the late John Magnus who, she says, were "classically trained, yet open-minded and comfortable with nontraditional ways of looking at music."

In 1991, she earned an honorable mention in a regional competition sponsored by the New York Mctropolitan Opera, but a car accident in her junior year nearly quashed her operatic aspirations. Her injuries required the insertion of a metal plate in her head, and she was told her voice would never sound the same. Not giving up, Ayers relearned opera singing and, after graduation, accepted a position with the Anchorage Opera Company, living with her husband in an Eskimo village. After

returning to Pennsylvania, Ayers suffered another setback—the onset of Hashimoto's disease, a thyroid condition that caused her voice to become lower and scratchier. Opera was no longer an option, but Ayers found that a change would do her good.

"Opera is big hair, high heels and lots of makeup. I'm more of a leans and T-shirt type of girl," she says,

She had always loved the blues, and at a jam session in the Lehigh Valley, she turned some heads. This phase of her career has garnered her acclaim and numerous awards. Each year from 2003 to 2010, Sarah was named Best Female Vocalist and Best Blues Vocalist by the Lehigh Valley Blues Awards, and took prizes for Best Song of the Year, Best Acoustic Duo, Best Jam Band and Best Electric Band. In 2007, her CD 3 a.m. Epiphany made it to number 24 on the Billboard blues charts.

Sarah writes most of her own songs, but she will yield to cries from the audience for standards like Sweet Home Alabama, "I'm grateful to my fans," she says. "They've allowed me to make a living by doing what I love, and I can't think of anything better."

Larry Gaffney is a contributing writer from Williamsport, Pa.

#### SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD: SLATE OF OFFICERS 2013

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#### CLASS NOTES



JR Reynolds '99 m.n.red Oroma Mpi Sept. 30 at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Garden City, N.Y.



Breamsa Brudley 'US and Dave 2011, at St. Prus X Catholic Church



Sarah Weiser '10 married Colin McGrory '10 July 28 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Robesonia, Pa. 🚀



Ann Barrett '06 married Andrew Simonelli June 23 at Our Lady of Grace Church in Hazleton, Pa. \$\square\$



Chad Emerich '00 married Giang Nguyen July 21 at Stokesay Castle in Reading, Pa. 💋



In July, members of the Class of 1974 held their annual get-together in memory of Del Kine '74. They tubed down the Delaware River before attending the Pennsylvania Blues Festival. Pictured are, left to right: Peter Sherman, Jerry Zukowski, John Ombelets, Dave Goetz, Alan Upperco and Bruce Turnbull.

Robert Rapp III '07 married Lauren Terrell June 23

Angela Dippold '07 married Jeff Beeson Oct. S. at Sacred Heart Church in St. Mary's, Pa.

#### 2008

David Long '08 married Deanna Snyder '09 Oct. 11.

#### 2009

Sarah Biglow '09 is a compliance officer for the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination. She passed the Massachusetts bar exam and was sworn in as an attorney on Nov. 26.

Lisa Molendini '09 accepted a position as a marketing representative at Sundance Vacations in Wilkes-Barre. Pa.

Jenna Palmquist '09 Joined the Job search website Indeed.com in March 2012. She is a client support specialist focused on the Midwest, Southwest and Northwest regions of the United States.

Megan Will '09 was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar Association and has opened a law office in Somerset, Pa.

Matthew Campbell '09 married Natalie Giampietro July 21.

Cecile Lytle '09 married Mark Sosnoskie Sept. 10, 2011.

Elizabeth Rhoads '09 married Brad Greenaway Aug. 4.

Ethan Ellenberger '09 married Amy Ziegler July 14.

#### 2010

Aileen Kerns '10 married Isaiah Larson '10 Sept. 1.

#### 2011

Chelsey Bennett '11 is an advertising account executive with The Daily Reflector in Greenville, N.C.

Melanie Harker '11 is the new program manager at Washington Improv Theater.

Don-Paul Kahl 11 was named winner of the 2012 University of Flonds Concento Competition. He performed composer Henri Tomast's Concerto with the University of Florida Symphony Orchestra in November in Gainesville, Fla. He is in his second year of a Master of Muss program in saxophone performance at the University of Florida.

Caitlin Peterson '11 married Eric Detzel Nov. 23.

Born to Jessica Gross '11, a son, Tristan Elliot Nov. 13.

#### 2012

Sarah Andrews '12 is the coordinator of professional learning services at NAFSA: Association of International Educators in Washington, D.C.

Allison Brusie '12 is a secretary at the Organization of American States (OAS) in Washington, D.C.

Amanda Cavanaugh '12 was named grand champion hunter equitation alumni rider at the first annual Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Alumni Tournament of Champions, held at the Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne, Pa.

Rachel DiMattia '12 is a human resources coordinator at the Power Home Remodeling Group in Chester, Pa.

Eric Wentz '12 is teaching seventh- and eighth-grade English for the Greater Johnstown (Pa.) Middle School.

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# REGIONAL CHAPTER NEWS

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The New England Regional Alumin Chapter statement the presiposal tead of the Charles Regulta or Oct, 21 to cheer on the Susquelamin University Women's Cree chief. Susquelamin All a tent in Beninion Village where more than 30 alumin paperess. Students, friends and family gathered. The weather was beautiful, and the setting along the Charles Rove was expussed. The Crees team was thrilled beyond words with the outpouring of support they received from the New England Chapter.

The team's goal was to finish the race in less than 20 minutes. They succeeded, with a time of 19.51.98, an impressive showing for the cool weather and strong headwinds. Way to go Susquehanna!

#### DEATHS

John Magnus, Aug. 12, Lewisburg, Pa. Magnus was born in Hagen, Germany, in 1924, and the family later moved to New York City. He served a full tour of duty in World War II. and received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the Juilliard School. He was a world-class interpreter of the Lieder repertoire, and his bass-baritone voice was considered of exceptional quality. He performed all over the world, including before the queen of Belgium and other dignitaries. After teaching in Colorado, Texas and Maryland, he accepted a position as a professor of music at Susquehanna, where he taught for 30 years. Magnus also served as choir director at First Presbyterian Church in Lewisburg. He is survived by Jane, his wife of 60 years; his daughter, Erica; and her partner, Jane Margesson.

Gladys H. Knoebel '30 Persing. Sept. 18, Danville, Pa. After graduating from Susquehanna, Persing returned to the family business. Knoebel's Lumber She and her husband, David, also owned and operated Knoebel's Grove Skating Rink for more than 40 years, She is survived by her son, Lynn Persing '67, and granddaughter, Devon Persing '04.

Nancy K. Griesemer '42 Reifsnyder, Oct. 9, Bernyille, Pa. Reifsnyder taught music at Bethany Children's Home in Womelsdorf, Pa., for several years. Later she was employed

by Theodore Presser Publishing Co, in Philadelphia, She also taught elementary music at the Tulpehocken (Pa.) Area School District for 17 years. She was a member of North Heidelberg Church, where she served as organist and choir director for 37 years. She also served as secretary of the Aid Society and pianist for the Sunday school. She is survived by her daughter. Deborah G. Reifsnyder '73.

Ruth Schwenk '42 Wahl, July 21. Newbury Park, Calif. Born and raised in Pennsylvania, Wahl spent most of her life in California, where she was a school teacher, a supportive wife and mother. and the successful small-business owner of Quality Bookkeeping.

Roy Leader '44, Sept. 23, New Oxford, Pa. During World War II, Leader served in the U.S. Army as a medical technician in the China-Burma-India Theater, He was a highly respected science and math teacher at East Juniata (Pa.) High School for 33 years. where he was a sponsor for school clubs such as leather tooling and ham radio. He was also a lay pastor for the Seventh Day Adventist Church

June Marks '45 Shea, Dec. 18. Sarasota, Fla. Shea was active in various community affairs, serving as beautification chairperson at various locations, the largest of which was Whitfield, Fla. She served as board member and

later president of the Whitfield Zoning District and held various volunteer offices in the Manatee County (Fla.) School District.

William David Gross '47, Jan. 5. Shamokin Dam, Pa. Gross served in the U.S. Army Air Corps for 33 months during World War II, with 10 months in the South Pacific, ultimately serving as senior pilot of a B-25 bomber. He was past president and director of Snyder County Trust Co. in Selinsgrove. He is survived by his grandson, Ryan Aumiller '09.

Marvin Maneval '47, Sept. 3, Selinsgrove, Pa. Maneval served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked as a banker throughout most of his life and retired as a trust officer from Snyder County Trust Co. in Selinsgrove.

Harold Sharadin '48 Dec. 17 2011, Houston, Texas, Sharadin had a dental practice in McClure, Pa., from 1953 to 1994, serving western Snyder and eastern Mifflin counties.

R. Nelson Kost '50, Nov. 21, Mechanicsburg, Pa. Kost spent his career teaching music, retiring from the West Shore (Pa.) School District.

Shirley Showalter '50 Boyer. April 27, Mifflinburg, Pa. Boyer began her teaching career at the Salem (Pa.) Schoolhouse in 1950. where she taught for one year

before taking time off to begin her family. In 1959, she began teaching kindergarten in the Mifflinburg Area School District, retiring in 1989.

Mariorie Spogen '50 Heydenreich, Oct. 15, Washington, Pa. Heydenreich was a news and feature writer for The Daily Item in Sunbury, Pa., from 1952 to 1965. She then owned and operated The Young Set, a children's specialty store in Sunbury, from 1965 until retiring in 1976.

Richard Troutman '50, Nov. 3, Pillow, Pa, Troutman was employed as a civil service worker for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and served in the LLS Army. He is survived by his son, Tracy Troutman '80, and grandson, Trevor Buffington '12.

William Ulp '50, Oct. 2, Northumberland, Pa. Ulp was an electronics engineer working for the FAA and HRB Singer in State College. He was an ordained Baptist minister, having pastored several churches, and most recently was visitation pastor for First Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg. Ulp was an amateur radio operator and electronics specialist. He incorporated a Christian radio mission with Mission Communication International

Althea Ferguson '51 Wollaston, Oct. 6, York, Pa. Wollaston held several different positions in the business department at Central

Penn College in Summerdale, Pa. She is survived by her cousin. James Dell'54

David Parker Sr. '52, Aug. 12, Greensboro, N.C. Parker served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was employed by Lees Carpets/Burlington Industries for 41 years in Valley Forge, Pa

Steve Torok '53, Dec. 25. Southampton, Pa. The majority of Torok's career was spent working for the federal government in national defense. He held multiple patents on detection devices. including those that contributed to anti-submarine warfare. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Wagner '53 Torok, and sons Bruce '79. Garth '83 and Scott '88.

Thomas Chase '54, Sept. 12, Lancaster, Pa. Chase worked as an engineer for RCI, retiring in 1987 after 29 years.

George Liddington '54, Oct. 17, Morristown, N.J. Liddington was a U.S. Navv veteran of World War II and a retired account manager of Ross-Martin Industry in New York. He is survived by his sisterin-law. Jean Rarick '53 Detwiler and cousin. Uzal Ept '50.

Janet Swenson '57 Updegrove, June 14, Douglassville, Ga. She is survived by her sister, Nancy Swenson '65 Mezaks

James Keiser '58, Dec. 26. Mechanicsburg, Pa. Keiser had a

22-year career in the U.S. Navy, retiring in 1980 as a lieutenant commander. As a civilian. he continued his career in the Washington, D.C., area, working in the administrative offices of Western Union, from which he retired in 1998.

Robert W. Koons '58, Nov. 1. Gettysburg, Pa. Koons was the assistant pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Hagerstown, Md. He also served congregations in Gettysburg, Sunbury, Pa., Lynchburg, Va., and Winchester, Va. He retired in 1982 and served the Gettysburg Lutheran Theological Seminary as associate director of field education and chaplain of the seminary's Church of the Abiding Presence.

Harold Bingaman '60, Sept. 25, Madison, Conn. Bingaman served his country overseas after graduating from the U.S. Army Language School in Monterey, Calif., with fluency in Hungarian. He began his business career as a trainee at Young and Rubicam in New York City, and spent the maiority of his career at American Home Products and Hertz Corp., where he served as executive vice president of worldwide marketing. He started his own company, Vertical Marketing, from which he retired. His wish for his obituary was for people to know he was a proud gold card member of Costco. He is survived by his wife, Helen Rhoads '61 Bingaman, and son, Jonathan Bingaman '96.

Beverly Braun '60 Rhodes. March 19, 2012, Hollidaysburg, Pa. Rhodes gave private piano lessons for many years. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Hollidaysburg, where she founded the Grace Notes Choir and was a pianist and organist for many years. Music was a passion throughout her life, and Saturday night service at Zion was a great joy. Above all else, she treasured her family and grandchildren. She is survived by her husband. James A. Rhodes '60

Ronna I. Halpin '71, Oct. 17. Minersville, Pa. Halpin taught music at Barry Township, Mahantongo Valley and Hegins-Hubley schools in the Tri-Valley School District. She retired in 2006.

Zona Weimer '74 Bover, Dec. 20, Fredericksburg, Va.

Gloria Angeli '82 Blue, Nov. 10. Sunbury, Pa. Blue will always be remembered for her love of books and her devotion to reading. She spent the majority of her professional career as periodicals librarian at Susquehanna University.

Maurice Leake '86, Nov. 13.

Gerald E. Miller H'88, Dec. 5, Mechanicsburg, Pa. Miller was a graduate of Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y., and later received his Master of Divinity from Philadelphia Seminary.

He received an honorary doctorate degree from Susquehanna in 1988. Miller served as pastor to four Lutheran churches before becoming assistant to the bishop in the Central Pennsylvania Synod. He was elected bishop of the Allegheny Synod in 1987. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jean Rothermel '50 Miller. a son. David Miller '81 and a niece, Barbara Latsha '70 Stern.

Charles Bull '99 Jan 1, Acton, Mass. He was employed by Southern New England Telephone until his retirement. Throughout his life, he loved and collected music, and especially enjoyed playing the piano and organ. Following his retirement, this passion led him to move with his wife to Sunbury, Pa., where he graduated from Susquehanna University with a degree in organ performance and sacred music. Bull greatly enjoyed his second career with a position at First Reformed United Church of Christ in Sunbury, and as a guest organist at churches in both Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

# **End Notes**

#### Witnessing Democracy in Egypt BY ZACHARY NEWELL '99



I sit in a coffee shop in Alexandria in late May 2012, where I can see the Mediterranean Sea. There is a strange calm. Everything is shut down to mark the second day of presidential elections. Egypt will elect it first democratically elected president, and it is important that everyone in the country has a chance to participate. The man behind the counter is wearing an "I love New York" shirt. Two other men are arguing over their choice for president.

I came to Egypt in January 2012 after being awarded a Fulbright grant to teach for five months at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, or New Library of Alexandria, located on the Mediterranean coast about three hours north of Cairo. The Fulbright Program, according to its official website, was primarily designed to increase mutual understanding between the United States and other countries. Since its inception, the Fulbright Program has sent 45,200 scholars abroad and brought 46,800 visiting scholars to the United States. The program now operates in 155 countries.

For all the rumors over the years that Egypt is in a state of upheaval, the country and its people have shown both courage and humanity in resolving their affairs. I heard from many Egyptians a bit of hesitancy and embarrassment at the chaos caused by the revolution on Jan. 25, 2011. I cannot stress enough that I never saw—nor did my family or colleagues—the perceived instability as a hindrance in any way. I found Egyptians to be more than gracious. I always felt safe and comfortable asking for help, directions or even clarification about a political or religious matter. I felt even more warmth from my colleagues, who always made an effort to reach out to me and take the time to ask for my opinion. Most times I would defer, realizing that commenting on Egypt—its politics and religion—is not my place.

When I first arrived in Egypt, I was warned about the protests that were taking place outside the entrance to the library. I was concerned about the idea of protests at first, but many colleagues encouraged me to pay no attention. Egyptians, they told me, like an opportunity to be loud. My colleagues were generally a little embarrassed about the protests and the image that was being communicated to the rest of the world. Many of the locals have longed for a routine and normalcy in their daily lives. More than anything else, the people of Egypt want to be heard.

The May 2012 election narrowed 12 candidates down to two and left many Egyptians a little disillusioned about the remaining choices to be considered in the June runoff. Irevisited the same coffee shop where I heard the political banter during Election Day, and the locals asked for my opinion: "Who do you like for president?" I respectfully declined to engage in the conversation. All I could do was sympathize with the difficult questions and outcomes of a democratic system.

More than six months after returning from Egypt-and witnessing our own bitterly contested presidential election-people still approach me to ask if I am relieved to be back in the United States. I understand where the concern comes from; the Middle East has a long history of unrest, but the United States has its own share of violence. I experienced more anxiety on a recent trip through Connecticut with my wife and kids, listening to breaking news stories about the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, than anything I experienced while living in Egypt. So perhaps a more appropriate question about my experience last spring in the Middle East would be, "Do you wish you were back in Egypt?"



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There is something to be said for participating in another culture firsthand. Not only did I cultivate alliances and friendships, but I witnessed a modern Egypt celebrating the triumph of its revolution after holding its first free, democratic elections, even if that democracy is a bit tenuous against the backdrop of continued unrest in places such as Syria, Algeria and Libya. I was lucky to work in the fabled library at Alexandria, a center for learning, tolerance, dialogue and understanding, both regionally and globally. It is in this spirit I celebrated as a Fulbright scholar, among friends and colleagues across the world, seeking history and scholarship, and making lasting connections. I hope all of my friends and colleagues will continue to engage in the changes in the Middle East. however uncomfortable, knowing that change is predicated on currents of conversation and open dialogue. ~

Zachary Newell is a reference and instruction librarian at Salem State University near Boston. He was awarded a Fulbright fellowship last year to work in the arts and multimedia library at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, where he conducted seminars and presentations on new technologies for organizing and retrieving information, and delivered lectures that explored a variety of themes in American art.





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